



## OFFICER REPORT

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Title: Review of mental capacity of Valdo CALOCANE aka Adam MENDES

Whilst the prosecution have received psychiatric reports agreeing a view of CALOCANE that “*His abnormality of mental functioning substantially impaired his ability to form a rational judgement and to exercise self-control and provides a potential explanation of his alleged conduct*”(Point 102 Page 23 Prof Blackwood), there is also a broad agreement that “*Those in the grip of a psychotic episode which informs their offending behaviours do not necessarily lose all aspects of their rationality: thus, despite the psychosis, he remained capable of seemingly rational behaviours.....or even modifying.....behaviours when he considered that he may be observed by others.*” (Point 103 Page 23 Prof Blackwood)

The above suggests that CALOCANE is capable of horrific sustained acts of violence without reason, without warning, and in an emotionless manner, but at the same time he is capable of complex rational thought allowing him to calculate, plan and deceive. This would appear to make CALOCANE a significant, unpredictable, and unmanageable risk to the public.

The following are examples of a rational thought process by CALOCANE that suggests an ability to calculate, plan and deceive the authorities: -  
Valdo CALOCANE commenced a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nottingham in September 2017 (D818 Disclosure bundle

University of Nottingham) Up to this point the records and the Defendant's account to the psychiatrists show no mental health difficulties.

The first signs that CALOCANE was suffering from a mental health illness was late 2019. (Point 21 Page 5 Prof Blackwood) 24/05/20-25/05/20 First arrests and first admission to hospital following two incidents where he attempted to force entry to different neighbouring flats (D61 RiO progress notes) Calocane is discharged on 17/06/20. 14/07/20 CALOCANE is detained under Section 136 of MHA following a third occasion where he had forced his way into another neighbouring flat. 31/07/20 CALOCANE is discharged. 03/09/21 CALOCANE punches and headbutts an officer executing a warrant under S135 of MHA because of his disengagement and is detained at the Cassidy suite. 22/10/21 CALOCANE is discharged. 28/01/22 CALOCANE is detained under Section 2 MHA following assault on Christopher **GRO-B** on 15/01/22 and subsequent disengagement. 24/02/22 CALOCANE is discharged from hospital.

Despite all the above recorded psychotic episodes CALOCANE maintains his studies (with a short break) and graduates with a 2:1 Bachelor's level degree in Mechanical Engineering in June/July 2022 showing a high level of intelligence and rational thought. During this same period CALOCANE has been able to feed, clothe and house himself at different addresses, which he organised himself.

When CALOCANE is assessed under the MHA after his first arrest on 24/05/20 he gives an account to the mental health professionals that he had heard screaming and believed his mother was being raped. CALOCANE explained he was not sleeping and was stressed with exams. The mental health professionals were convinced on the evidence that CALOCANE provides he could be treated in the community. (D61)

CALOCANE does not mention when he is assessed that he told his family a few days earlier on 20/05/20, that he hears voices, sometimes the voices discuss his dreams with a neighbour and "***Makes a remark about harming the***

*people he's hearing*" CALOCANE also tells them "***He associated these voices/people with the people/person monitoring in his last apartment. He got angry as he thought the people/person followed him to his new home.***"

CALOCANE also tells his brother "***But listen to this, yesterday I had a dream and when I woke up someone in the other apartment was telling my dream to other people***", "***This wasn't a voice in my head***" and "***There are people here who are monitoring and I've known this for weeks. But from Monday things got weird***" (EAMC/2 notes from Elias CALOCANE to the mental health team in 2020) Was this an attempt to conceal and deceive the mental health team regarding the true nature of the voices? See Page 51 of D61 22/06/20 - Dr Seedat emails Crisis Team following CALOCANE's discharge "***requesting that Valdo be seen face to face as he is likely to down play any symptoms/problems***"

See Pages 55&56 of D61 - Although CALOCANE had convinced the mental health visitors since discharge that he was not suffering any ongoing mental health difficulties and was taking his medication, CALOCANE's mother reported to the mental health team on 11/07/20 that she believed his mental health was deteriorating and he was not taking his medication. Then on 14/07/20 police were called to the incident where Valdo had forced his way into the third flat and when spoken to "***He denied auditory hallucinations and confirmed he was taking his medication.***" Later the same day (Page 58) in a MHA assessment he states "***Valdo went to the neighbours flat....to confront him as to why he was discussing him as he had heard voices to that effect and he was certain that it was this person living above his flat***" and "***It was clear from today assessment that he had decided to stop taking his medication 2 weeks after his discharge from hospital***" This shows an ability to lie and attempt to avoid consequences. The report goes on to say "***He said the right things that he made a mistake not taking his meds, he would now take them but he still was not convinced that he was unwell nor did he feel the need to be in hospital.***"

See page 64 of D61 – Ward review by Dr Seedat under patient comments "***Seems non-plussed when confronted with the effects of his behaviour with the neighbour during this incident and also the previous admission. No***

*signs of remorse or insight into how his actions have affected others. Just says 'there will not be a next time'. Dr Seedat observed that there seems to be no insight or remorse and that the danger is that this will happen again and perhaps Valdo will end up killing someone."*

See page 138 of D61 – 10/11/20 a home visit at the request of CALOCANE

*"He said that just before his discharge from admission at Highbury Hospital back in July, he told the ward doctor that he no longer hear voices, but he said that is not the case and he only said that because he was tired of being in the hospital"* which shows his ability to calculate what a person wants to hear and lie to manipulate professionals.

See page 153 of D61 – 29/05/21 CALOCANE's mother informs Mental Health Team that she believes CALOCANE is becoming unwell again and had told his brother that he had not taken his medication for 2 to 3 weeks. The Mental Health Team phone CALOCANE who informs them that he is fine and has no idea why his Mum had called them. He states he is not hearing voices, has no worrying thoughts and no hallucinations. Then on 31/05/2023 CALOCANE knocks on the door of M15 Thames House Millbank SW1 asking to speak to someone. Security call the police, but when police arrive he states he had come to speak to someone who was not in (it was a Bank Holiday) and he was waiting for his UBER to return home. This demonstrates that he has deceived the Mental Health Team about his state of mind and is able to think of an alternative explanation on police arrival, in order to deceive the police (See D125-Sensitive) Then on 02/06/21 CALOCANE receives a home visit from the Mental Health Team and tells them that he is fit and well and taking his medication daily, the voices are faint and he is able to ignore them. The Mental Health Team state they do not think he has relapsed. Again, CALOCANE has deceived the Mental Health Team either consciously or because the voices have told him not to tell the truth (See D61 Page 140 – CALOCANE states the voices don't like it when he speaks about what they are saying) Either way this shows a functioning ability to think about what would be acceptable to the Mental Health Team.

See pages 160 to 168 16/08/21 to 03/09/21 – Following observations that CALOCANE was disengaging and relapsing, a Mental Health Act warrant is obtained and CALCOANE attacks the police officer assisting with the execution of the warrant punching and headbutting him leading to CALOCANE being detained under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act. CALOCANE is discharged on 22/10/21 as there has been no violence, no aggression on the ward and he is seen to take his medication. Although CALOCANE maintained he had been subjected to psychotronic harassment a technology developed to transmit thoughts and voices into his head, he stated this had now ended and he was no longer hearing voices. (Page 191)

Following release from hospital it is clear that CALOCANE stops taking his medication as prescribed and there is a gradual decline in his engagement with the Mental Health Team. He assaults flatmate in student accommodation on 19/01/22 (See pages 194 to 203 22/10/21 to 18/01/22 D61)

See page 213 27/01/22 to 28/01/22 – A Mental Health Act warrant is obtained and CALOCANE is detained under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act.

See Page 219 31/01/22 – Three days after being sectioned in a Senior Review, CALOCANE appears to have the mental capacity to convince the reviewing Doctor that his first admission to hospital was the only genuine mental health crisis but all subsequent admissions have been misunderstandings, he states he has been taking his medication and there was a misunderstanding with the Crisis team about needing to take water with his medication and the “hostage taking” of his flat mates was an altercation where he kept his flatmates in the flat to await police arrival and had not been aware this was illegal. Valdo denies any current or recent mental health problems. The reviewing doctor recommends appealing the Section 2 Detention as it feels inappropriate.

See pages 225 to 228 03/02/22 to 04/02/22 – CALOCANE is given 30 minutes a day Section 17 unaccompanied leave from the ward. The same day the University inform the Ward that CALOCANE has been seen on campus (3.5

miles from the hospital) by one of the flatmates present when he assaulted the flatmate and was prevented from leaving the flat by him. When challenged by the Mental Health Team CALOCANE has the mental capacity to deny attending the university campus stating he remained in the local area of the hospital. On checking the time, he left and returned to the ward, this coincided with the sighting of him on campus.

As mentioned previously in the next few months CALOCANE has the mental capacity to submit necessary reports to graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, change addresses and goes on to find and undertake warehouse work. During the same period CALOCANE begins disengaging from the Mental Health Team resulting in him being discharged back to his GP on 23/09/22 (Page 271 of D61)

CALOCANE admits to purchasing a knife in 2022 as the voices were telling him to harm people, but he sought to resist these thoughts/commands. The report does not clarify if this is the Boker Dagger SJB/1 or the Gerber Survival Knife JR/19. CALOCANE has the capacity to resist harming people as commanded and yet he still purchases a knife for this purpose. (Point 40 Page 10 Prof Blackwood) It is also worth noting that on 02/05/22 CALOCANE bought a Knife Sharpening Stone Set and then on 06/05/22 he also bought an Electric professional knife sharpener (R19B)

Following CALOCANE assaulting co-workers at Avarto Warehouse on 05/05/2023 Ali Parvez of Sky Recruitment (S48) messaged CALOCANE to tell him he could not return to work and the agency would no longer be finding work for him. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 CALOCANE was told by the landlord of 165 Burford Road that he had to leave by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as he was being evicted (S246 of Lulian GRO-B). Between 17:00 and 17:30 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the same day CALOCANE calls Ali Parvez (S48) of Sky Recruitment stating, "***I just want to make sure you have cleared all records of mine***". This would appear to show a mental capacity to frustrate a future search for his details.

When faced with being evicted and temporarily homeless CALOCANE had the mental capacity to approach contacts for somewhere to stay including Akhil **GRO-B** (S196) and Bil Monteiro (S54). On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 CALOCANE had the mental capacity to arrange transport to London and use the Underground to get to Romford.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 14:52 hours CALOCANE had the mental capacity to purchase a Vodaphone top up voucher for £10 and written on the back of the receipt is written a phone number which becomes live in CALAOCANE's phone shortly afterwards.

At 19:09 hours 12/06/2023 CALOCANE had a 44 minute telephone conversation with his brother Elias. Whilst he was talking about 2-way voices in his head and threats being made, he stated this would be the last time he would talk to Elias and said, "***just disassociate yourself from me, if anything happens don't come and see me in the hospital***". This suggests some anticipation, or plans, for what he was about to do, and the anticipated repercussions (i.e., not the spontaneous overwhelming voices forcing him to commit immediate acts of violence) Elias describes CALOCANE as calm and fine. Elias also hears the announcement "***this train will be arriving at Blackfriars***" which shows that CALOCANE had the capacity to navigate the London Underground. (S13 Elias Calocane)

At 20:15 hours 12/06/2023 CALOCANE had the mental capacity to find his way back to St Pancras Station after the "***voices in his head telling him to return to Nottingham***" (Point 9.2.4 Page 7 Dr Shaffiulha)

At 20:48 hours 12/06/2023 CALOCANE has the mental capacity to purchase water from M & S Food in the station.

At 21:26 hours 12/06/2023 CALOCANE has the mental capacity to interact with an automated ticket machine in St Pancras Train Station London before finding and boarding the train to Nottingham shortly afterwards.

At 23:52 hours 12/06/2023 CALOCANE has the mental capacity to send zipped files via his phone to his brother (EAMC/1) containing articles on Functional Brain Imaging, Reconstruction of images in the brain and Remote Neural Monitoring.

CALOCANE states that when he got to Nottingham the voices were “*trying to mind control me, they were using mind control to tell me to attack people*” They told him to stay in the City Centre and attack whomever he saw. He saw a few police officers and the voices told him to attack them, but he had the mental capacity to resist them, and he left the City Centre. CALOCANE does not make any attempt to hand himself in to prevent what the voices are telling him to do, or to seek assistance, despite having the ability to resist at this point in time.

At 23:56 hours 12/06/23 CALOCANE has the mental capacity to navigate to the tram stop and catch a tram to Wilkinson Street and walk from there to Gladstone Street towards the direction of Burford Road, where he had been living.

At 01:33 hours on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 CALOCANE has the ability to locate and use the cash machine at Sainsbury’s on Perry Road before making his way to the Ilkeston Road area of Nottingham. (Point 9.2.5 Page 7 Dr Shaffiulha) He consciously walked to near the area of Jubilee Campus where he lived as a student (and was evicted following his attack upon his flatmates) and stayed for some time (55. Page 14 Prof. Blackwood)

At 03:03 hours 13/06/2023 CALOCANE’s phone goes dark as he approaches Ilkeston Road, approximately an hour before the attacks on Barnaby and Grace i.e. he turns his phone off, a tactic used by criminals planning to commit

crimes and frustrate subsequent police investigations. (JAR30072023 Analyst SoE and ASG/507 CCTV SoE)

At about 04:00 hours 13/06/2023 the attack on Barnaby and Grace commences. Up to now in the psychiatric reports CALOCANE has stated that the voices wanted him to attack people, he does not specifically say kill people. CALOCANE states at this point he felt he was in a “**mental fog, a brain fog**” and “**being carried by a current and had no thoughts**”. (Point 9.2.7 Page 8 Dr Shaffiullha) Yet it is clear from the CCTV that this is not a frenzied uncontrolled attack but appears to be a calculated intention to kill, because when Grace tries to stop him killing Barnaby, CALOCANE stabs her until she is unable to defend herself and then appears to go back to Barnaby to ensure he has inflicted sufficient wounds before walking off. The stab wounds on all three victims are concentrated in the centre mass where key organs are, and not randomly located wounds, showing a method of intent. In addition to this CALOCANE seems completely calm, which is how his brother described him earlier. CALOCANE has made pleas showing his intent to kill. This appears to suggest a conscious choice and deliberate intent by CALOCANE to kill and not just attack, or wound.

At 04:15 hours on 13/06/2023 after leaving Ilkeston Road and the area of his old student accommodation he arrives at Brook Court where he also used to live and from where he was sectioned twice after forcing his way into neighbouring flats.

At 04:47 hours on 13/06/2023 CALOCANE, as he makes his way towards Mapperley Road, has the capacity to turn his phone back on and then calls his brother Elias at 04:52 hours. His comments appear to show a continuing chain of thought and comprehension of what he is doing because he asks “**did you get the documents**” referring to the files he sent Elias earlier in the evening at 23:52 hours on 12/06/2023 and when asked if he is going to do anything stupid CALOCANE replies “**It's all ready done**” which suggests a clear understanding of what he has done to Barnaby and Grace and he says again

***“this will be the last time I speak to you, take the family out of the country”.***

This appears to show a clear understanding of what he has done and not as he states, ***“he vaguely remembers stabbing the victims but stated that he knows that the attacks happened as he has seen video footage”*** (9.2.6 Page 8 Dr Saffiullha) If CALOCANE is aware of what he has done and the implications, why not hand himself in and avoid further harm?

At 05:01 hours on 13/06/2023 CALOCANE arrives at Seely Hirst House, and he states, ***“The voices told him that he must enter the building and continue to kill others”*** (Point 84. Page 19 Prof Blackwood) but then he has a brief conversation with the security staff Ivan **GRO-B** Why does he not attack Ivan if he has been instructed to kill and enter the door left open by Ivan? CALOCANE can then be seen in the CCTV assessing ways in through the windows into Seely Hirst House, but appearing to stop what he was doing when observed showing a mental capacity to avoid detection by people passing by. (HS-196\_23) Having failed to gain entry and be repelled by a resident, CALOCANE returns and appears to use the metal scaffolding pole in a bag to try and break the window, hitting it 4 times. When the CCTV compilation footage switches to 8 The Point Mapperley, you hear the 4 strikes on the window just as Ian Coates drives by in his van on Magdala Road.

After stabbing Ian Coates in his seat in the van and pulling him out to stab him further, CALOCANE steals the van and drives into the City Centre because ***“He knew that more people ‘needed’ to die”*** (Point 84. Page 19 Prof Blackwood) Driving a vehicle, especially one you have not driven before, requires complex multi-tasking and CALOCANE showed awareness of road conditions, slowing for speed bumps, driving on the correct side of the road, and stopping for red lights. Again, this is not uncontrolled mindless action, which appears to show control over thought processes and therefore another opportunity to hand himself in for the murders already committed.

Once in custody CALOCANE is seen by Health Care Professionals and whilst he initially does not cooperate, he does eventually speak with them and satisfy

them that he is fit to be detained and fit to be interviewed with an appropriate adult. Three psychiatrists have also deemed CALOCANE fit to plead and fit to stand trial, which shows he is capable of understanding his situation and has control over his decision-making process. A person is capable of having a mental health condition whilst having the capacity to understand their actions and what is happening around them.

In conclusion, whilst the prosecution accept that CALOCANE has a well established and documented mental health condition it is not possible to say with any certainty that at the moment of the murders and attempt murders ***“his abnormality of mental functioning substantially impaired his ability to form rational judgement and to exercise self-control”*** In fact, CALOCANE has exercised self-control throughout Monday 12/06/2023 and Tuesday 13/06/2023 in order to achieve the aim of killing multiple people in Nottingham and avoiding immediate location and arrest, an aim he appears to have been building towards and preparing since he bought the knife and knife sharpeners back in 2022. CALOCANE has also shown himself capable of lying to Health Care Professionals and identifying what they want to hear, to achieve his own ends. As Prof. Blackwood states ***“I consider that despite the psychosis, he would have known the nature and quality of the acts and that what he was doing was wrong at the time of the fatally and non-fatally assaultive acts. I would therefore not consider that he was insane at the material time. He was capable of forming the intent to significantly harm others, whether with the knife or with the vehicle”*** (Point 101. Page 23 Prof Blackwood)

Ultimately it is a decision for the Court to consider the culpability of CALOCANE in the murders of Barnaby Webber, Grace O'Malley Kumar and Ian Coates, and in the attempt murders of Wayne Birkett, Sharon Miller and Marcin Gawronski.

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