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Sir,

Re the letter by Robin in today's paper. This correspondent is wrong with the claim that the Metropolitan Police paying out to the Worboys victims will affect their budget. When any police force - including in the United States - defends a civil action, the cost comes out of the public purse. Typically they will either defend all the way to the court door then haggle interminably over costs to punish not only the person bringing the action but the lawyers who took it, or they will defend all the way including perjuring themselves to defeat the claim.

In 2016, I proposed a solution to this in the form of a petition that not one person signed: make the police pension fund liable rather than the city, county or state. This would be especially effective in the United States combatting a problem that thankfully we don't have here, namely the blatant execution of innocent people including the 12 year old Tamir Rice. After a couple of pension funds have paid out multi-million dollar settlements, they will soon get the message.

Regarding Mr Worboys, the really important thing is to keep him behind bars until he can walk only with a Zimmer frame. A number of petitions have been started to that effect, and appear to be working.

Yours Sincerely,

A Baron