

Lee Rigby – Assassins And Idiots

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If you have a very short memory or if you are domiciled outside the UK, it is possible you may not have heard of Lee Rigby, who was back in the news last week; he was the soldier who was hacked to death by two Islamist fanatics in May 2013. Michael Adebolajo was one of his killers; currently he is being held in Belmarsh maximum security prison. Both he and his fellow murderer Michael Adebowale regard themselves as soldiers, and do not acknowledge the enormity of their crime. While still on remand, Adebolajo was involved in some sort of physical confrontation which cost him his two front teeth. He claimed he was assaulted by five prison officers, but he would say that, wouldn't he?



Mugshots of the Michael Adebolajo (left) and Michael Adebowale (right)

Category A prisons are not kindergartens, but prison officers do not generally assault their charges gratuitously, not in the UK. On the other hand, when discipline is breached, they don't stand for any nonsense. The officers concerned have now been cleared of using excessive force, but Adebolajo is said to be bringing **a civil action** against the prison. Naturally, this has caused outrage, but there are two points here. One is why should Adebolajo be granted Legal Aid to sue, and if he is, what firm of ambulance-chasing lawyers will take on his case? The other is, if he wins it, why should this money not be garnisheed and paid to the next of kin of his victim?

Talking of Lee Rigby, it's bad enough he is dead, but would you believe there are some people who claim he never existed? No, not just **Chris Spivey**, but Nick Kollerstrom. Unlike Spivey, who is a prize idiot, Kollerstrom is a career academic who boasts a PhD, so he has no excuse, but that is what he appears to believe.

There appears to be some manufactured controversy over Rigby's birth certificate. A search of the microfiche at the British Library last Thursday turned up the following information; he was born Lee James McClure in Manchester, and his mother's maiden name was Seville. The death record gives his date of birth (Lee James Rigby) as 04/07/1987. This is in accord with both the **Internet Movie Database** and the

information on **Kollerstrom's website**. Kollerstrom tried to order his birth certificate, but was told there was no record of it. And?



Nick Kollerstrom

According to the man himself, “St Catherine’s House may now be the family record office...however it doesn’t look as though you can visit it anymore everything is done online (for greater control of information maybe?)”

What planet is this guy living on? The indices to births, deaths and marriages were kept at Somerset House. They were moved to St Catherine’s House in Kingsway, then to the Family Records Centre, Myddleton Street in 1997, which closed in 2008. However, although the actual volumes can no longer be inspected, the microfiches are held by various institutions, including the aforementioned British Library. While the migration of all such records on-line (including wills) may be annoying for some researchers, it is doubtless a great convenience to the vast majority who do not live within easy travelling distance of Central London. As for the apparent unavailability of Lee Rigby’s birth certificate, there could be all manner of prosaic reasons for this. If Kollerstrom were to offer a reward of £1,000 for its production, he’d be surprised how quickly it would turn up.

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