

Portsmouth man jailed for longer

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Darren Rose, 29, was found guilty of aggravated burglary and wounding with intent against two victims. Prior to this case the offender had 38 previous convictions, a number of which involved theft and violence.

Rose was convicted of breaking into a shared house in the early hours of 26 October 2019 and assaulting a man with a wine bottle. Rose was jealous of the perceived relationship his victim had with Rose's then partner. A female housemate who confronted Rose was also assaulted and other residents were left in fear.

On 8 October 2020, Rose was sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment at Portsmouth Crown Court.

Following the court's decision, the Solicitor General referred the sentence to the Court of Appeal under the Unduly Lenient Sentence (ULS) scheme. On 4 February 2021, the Court found the sentence to be unduly lenient and increased it to 9 years' imprisonment.

After the hearing at the Court of Appeal the Solicitor General, Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP, said:

Rose broke into a house and assaulted two innocent people. The Court of Appeal's decision to extend his sentence was the right one, and I hope this will lead to comfort for his victims.

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