

# Press release: Bath machete attacker has sentence increased by Court of Appeal

A youth who hospitalised 2 men was yesterday given a custodial sentence after the Solicitor General, Robert Buckland QC MP, referred his sentence under the unduly lenient sentence scheme.

The unnamed youth, now 17, and Tyrone White, 22, launched unprovoked machete knife attacks on 2 victims in May 2018. Both victims suffered deep wounds and required surgery following the attacks.

The first victim ran from the 2 offenders, as he had previously been bullied by the unnamed youth, but the offenders chased him down and attacked him. The second victim was attacked in his own home.

The unnamed youth was originally sentenced to a 2 year Youth Rehabilitation Order at Bristol Crown Court in November 2018. Following a referral to the Court of Appeal, he has now been sentenced to 7 years in prison.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General said:

“The offender knew the risks when he headed out that day armed with a knife – youth is no excuse. The original sentence failed to take proper account of the potential risk this offender poses to others, and I am pleased to see the Court of Appeal impose a custodial sentence.”