

Serial sex offender has sentence increased

A man who sexually assaulted three women has had his sentence increased under the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme.

His original sentence was referred to the Court of Appeal by the Attorney General's Office because it appeared to be too low.

Ali Hussein, 27, sexually assaulted three women, in separate attacks while they were walking along a pedestrian underpass in Poplar, London.

The first attack took place on 10 August 2020. Hussein followed the victim as she returned home from the market, he held her by the neck and sexually assaulted her.

On 3 September 2020, Hussein followed a female as she walked home from work. Hussein pushed her to the wall, held her by the neck and began touching her. The victim began screaming which caused Hussein to let her go and she ran away.

The following day, Hussein attacked a pregnant woman on her way to work, slapping her from behind. The victim screamed and the offender ran away.

On 6 August 2021, Hussein was convicted of sexual assault by penetration, attempted sexual assault by penetration and sexual assault at the Central Criminal Court and was sentenced to 6 years and 9 months' imprisonment.

On 13 October the Court of Appeal found his original sentence to be unduly lenient and increased it to 9 years imprisonment.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General, Alex Chalk QC MP said:

Hussein subjected his victims to a terrifying ordeal and his actions will have a lasting impact. Women should be able to walk the streets safely without fear of being attacked. I hope the increased sentence offers some reassurance to the victims, and all women, that people who commit appalling crimes of this nature can expect to go to prison for a very long time.