

Gordons Record

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... has not been proved. This is a very grave case of assault, and I am satisfied you terrorized Miss Keeler over a period of time and she was very frightened of you.

"TERRIBLE RECORD"

"This is your third conviction for violence in six years and you have a terrible record. I am sorry that under the present regulations you are not liable to be deported."

Detective-sergeant John Burrows said Gordon, who was born in Jamaica, had 13 previous convictions. In August, 1951, at West Ham Quarter Sessions he was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for shopbreaking and theft. In October, 1952, at London Sessions he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for a similar offence.

In August, 1955, at a district court martial, he was sentenced to 56 days' detention for disobeying a lawful command and offering violence to a superior officer. In July, 1956, at a district court martial in Hongkong he was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and discharged with ignominy for similar offences.

In September, 1958, at London Sessions Gordon was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for two cases of assault on police. In November, 1960, he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Copenhagen and deported from Denmark for assault.

"I HAVE BEEN MISLED"

The officer said Gordon came to Britain in 1948 and he served in the Army from March, 1954, until October, 1956. Since then he claimed to have done casual work as a film extra.

Court Transcripts 7/6/63

Detective Sergeant BURROWS: Recalled.
Examined by Mr. CUSSER.

Q You have been sworn, Officer. How old is the defendant?
A. He is 32 years of age, my Lord. He was born on 6th May, 1931, at Kingston, Jamaica.

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Q Are there a number of convictions recorded against him?
A. Yes, my Lord. There are 13 previous convictions recorded against him.

Q What are they ? A. On 26th September, 1950, at Thames Magistrates' Court, he was discharged absolutely for obtaining 2s.10d. credit by fraud. On 26th October, 1950, at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, he was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment for stealing property value £5 from unattended motor car. On 1st August, 1951, at West Ham Quarter Sessions, he was sentenced to 9 months imprisonment for shopbreaking and stealing suit cloth valued at £125. On 22nd May, 1952, at West London Magistrates' Court, he was sentenced to one months imprisonment for common assault. On 31st October, 1952, at the County of London Sessions, he was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and an order made under Section 22, Criminal Justice Act, 1948, for shopbreaking and stealing two cameras value £35. On 9th June, 1955, at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, he was fined £5 for stealing a cigarette case from the person. On 2nd August, 1955, at District Court Martial, Lydd, Kent, he was sentenced to 56 days

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detention for disobeying a lawful command, two cases, striking his superior officer, and using violence to his superior officer. On 19th July, 1956, at District Court Martial, Hong Kong, he was sentenced to nine months imprisonment and discharged with ignominy for disobeying a lawful command and offering violence to a superior officer.

A On 30th August, 1957, at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, he was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment and 6 months imprisonment consecutive, for attempting to obtain clothing by false pretences and stealing a cheque book from an unattended motor car; one case of attempted false pretences and one case of false pretences considered.

B On 23rd May, 1958, at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, he was fined £1 for obstructing a police constable in the execution of his duty.

On 26th September, 1958, at the County of London Sessions, he was sentenced to 9 and 9 months imprisonment consecutive for assault on police, two cases.

C On 4th November, 1960, at Copenhagen, Denmark, he was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for assault. He was deported from Denmark, my Lord.

On 19th January, 1963, at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, he was fined £5 or one month's imprisonment for possessing an offensive weapon. The fine in that case was paid, my Lord.

D Q Did he have a normal education in Jamaica ? A. Yes, sir.

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... Court on Friday for testi-
ing his ex-girlfriend in the back
and neck with a screwdriver.

[redacted] 41-year-old former
lab manager, of Newton Road,
Bridgetown, had pleaded guilty to
assaulting American-born Miss
Janet Perkins actual bodily
harm and having the screwdriver
as an offensive weapon.

Det. Insp. Graham McIntosh
said there was an argument when
Miss Perkins tried to break off
her six-month association with
he accused.

lips."

once on the shoulders, wrist and
The attack was stopped by
passers-by. There were several
puncture marks on the woman's
body but the wounds were not
deep.

[redacted] who has 16 previous
convictions and was released
from prison last April after serv-
ing a 15-month sentence for as-
sault and resisting [redacted] apolo-
gised for the attack and said he
now wanted to return to Jamaica.



