

**Mandatory Life Sentence Case  
Trial Judge's Report**

**Name of the Trial Judge:** The Hon. Mr Alex Johnson

**Date and place of trial:** 20/02/2001 - London

**Defendant's name and date of birth:** John Smith, 20 September 1976

**Charge:** Murder

**Verdict:** Murder

**Sentence:** Life Imprisonment

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**Description of the offence:** Murdered his ex-wife

**Remand time till sentencing:** 240 days

**Trial judge's view on the tariff:** This was a deliberately and carefully planned murder using an illegal handgun. I regard it as cold blooded and well planned. I assess the period of years to be served at 25.

Signed by  
Alex Johnson

Date: 20 February 2001