

Mark Scott

Knife blow to Mark's throat left a 26-yard trail of blood

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A Schoolboy had his throat ripped open in a street attack as he walked home from a football match, a murder trial heard yesterday.

Celtic fan Mark Scott, the son of a top Glasgow lawyer, died at the scene despite frantic attempts to save him.

A seven-inch wound from his chin to his ear severed Mark's jugular vein and left a 26-yard trail of blood, the High Court in Glasgow was told.

On trial is Jason Campbell, 23, of Heron Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

He denies murdering Mark in London Road, near Bridgeton Cross, by striking him on the body with a knife or similar instrument.

Campbell claims he was at home at the time of the alleged incident.

Mark's pals, James Friel and Iain Speirits, told the start of the trial how the three of them were heading home after watching **Celtic** beat Partick Thistle 2-1 on October 7 last year.

They were walking along London Road towards the city centre to get a train home.

James told Iain Bonomy QC, prosecuting, that a man standing in a group of people outside a pub near Bridgeton Cross spat beer at them.

The beer hit Mark and Iain, but none of them reacted to it. They just kept walking forward.

James said he then heard footsteps running up from behind.

"When I turned round I saw a person standing behind Mark with his hand beside Mark's neck," he said

Asked by Mr Bonomy if he saw what happened with the hand, he replied: "I only saw the hand up at the neck then the person took the hand away.

"Mark held his neck and blood came out. He staggered forward diagonally across the pavement and fell beside the gutter."

James said a group of women tried to staunch the blood with clothes. And then volunteer ambulance-women who had been at the match also came to his aid.

He admitted that walking through that part of Glasgow might have brought them into contact with Rangers fans.

But he said they had never experienced any trouble before.

He said his **Celtic** scarf was in his jacket pocket. Mark and Iain had **Celtic** tops on, but they were covered by their clothing.

They did nothing aggressive or anything to attract attention to themselves. "We were just walking along and talking."

James told Mr Bonomy that he identified two people at an identity parade on the basis of their build and hair.

And in court he identified Campbell as one of the two people he picked out.

Cross-examined by Donald Findlay QC, defending, James admitted he only got a "momentary passing glimpse" of Mark's attacker.

Mark's other pal Iain told the trial he saw a man with something black in his hand near Mark's shoulder.

He added: "Mark started holding his neck and began to scream because he was in pain."

Consultant pathologist Professor Peter Vanezis of Glasgow University said he went to the scene and found a trail of blood 26 yards long.

During the post mortem he found a gaping seven-inch wound in Mark's neck which stretched from his chin to under his ear.

It had been caused by a single blow from a smooth-bladed knife.

Mark's jugular vein had been severed and the wound went through to the spine. He also had a deep defensive cut on his left hand and had bled to death.

Dr Gordon McNaughton, a registrar at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, said the injury severed skin, muscle and blood vessels on the right side of Mark's neck.

The doctor described his injuries as "non-survivable".

The trial before Lord Sutherland continues.

Court told of attempt to help dying fan

The Scotsman 08/03/1996

ARNOT McWHINNIE

A YOUNG father told yesterday how his baby's blanket was used to staunch a gaping wound in a dying **Celtic** fan's throat.

Garry Horne, 28, described how he saw Mark Scott's life ebbing away as he lay in London Road near Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow.

Mr Horne told the High Court in Glasgow people were trying to stem the blood with beer mats and bar cloths. "I gave them my baby's blanket off the pram and someone stuck it to the boy's neck." Mr Horne, a former Barras market trader, said: "Three months earlier I had seen my son taking his first breath coming into the world and three months later I saw this young boy take his last breath lying in a street in Glasgow."

Jason Campbell, 23, denies murdering Mark, 16, a **Celtic** fan, in London Road on 7 October as he was walking home from Parkhead.

Campbell has lodged a special defence of alibi, claiming he was in his home at Heron Street, Bridgeton, at the time.

Mr Horne said he saw Campbell among a group of youths in the doorway. Mr Horne said Campbell was carrying a knife. Campbell is alleged to have run up behind Mark, who was walking with his two friends, and slashed his neck open. Sisters, Ellen Jones, 30, and Jean Newlands, 25, described how **Celtic** fans coming from Parkhead had to walk a gauntlet of abuse.

Mrs Jones told the court she singled out Campbell. She said she had later picked out Campbell at an identification parade and yesterday she again identified him in court.

Miss Newlands, from Bridgeton, claimed she got a good look at Mark's attacker because she was wary of him. Miss Newlands said she got the impression he was looking for trouble because he was standing outside a pub shouting at **Celtic** fans. A man beside him was wearing a Rangers top.

Miss Newlands said she saw Campbell pull something out of his waistband, walk up behind Mark and his two friends, and slash him in the throat.

The trial continues.

We tried to save bleeding lad with beermat

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Shocked bystanders tried to stem a slashed youngster's neck wound with BEERMATS, a court heard yesterday.

As **Celtic** fan Mark Scott's life ebbed away from a huge wound in his throat market trader Garry Horne offered the blanket off his baby's pram.

Yesterday, he told the High Court in Glasgow of the scene of horror at the city's Bridgeton Cross.

Mr Horne, 28, said: "Three months earlier, I saw my baby son take his first breath.

"Now I was watching this young boy take his last, lying in a street in Glasgow." On trial is 23-year-old Jason Campbell, who denies murdering Mark, 16, as he was walking home from a **Celtic** v Partick Thistle match at Parkhead.

Mr Horne told Iain Bonomy, prosecuting that Campbell had a knife.

The jury also heard Campbell was "looking for trouble", minutes before Mark died.

He is alleged to have run up behind Mark who was walking with his two pals, and slashed his neck open.

Shopper Ellen Jones, 30, from Cumbernauld, told the court that Campbell - who she identified in court - was walking arrogantly, as if to say: "Look at me, I'm tough".

She said she went into a shop and, seconds later, heard screams.

When she went outside, her sister Jean Newlands, 25, told her the killer was the man they had seen earlier.

Miss Newlands, who lives in Bridgeton, said he had been standing outside a pub shouting at **Celtic** fans.

She said she saw Campbell pull something out of his waistband, walk up behind Mark and his two pals and slash him in the throat.

Campbell then ran across the road in the direction of Bridgeton Cross, she said.

Miss Newlands later picked him out at an identification parade.

She told the court she had paid particular attention to Campbell because of the way he was acting.

"We were very wary of him and that was why we walked to the edge of the pavement when we went past him," she said.

The court has heard that a single blow sliced through skin, muscle and blood vessels in Mark's neck, ending up against his spine.

The dying boy left a 26-yard trail of blood and the injury was described as "non-survivable".

Campbell has lodged a special defence of alibi.

He claims he was in his home at Heron Street, Bridgeton, at the time of the killing.

The trial before Lord Sutherland continues.

Murder trial defence accuses witness of being liar

The Scotsman 09/03/1996

A PROSECUTION witness in the trial of a man accused of murdering a schoolboy **Celtic** fan was yesterday described as a "wilful, deliberate, cold, calculating liar".

Garry Horne, 28, a market trader, had earlier described to the High Court in Glasgow how he saw the accused, Jason Campbell, 23, with a knife shortly before Mark Scott, 16, died with his throat cut open. Mr Horne told how he handed his baby's pram blanket to those trying to staunch the blood.

He said he was scared to give evidence for fear of reprisals and wanted to spare his girlfriend the ordeal of having to appear in the witness box.

Yesterday, however, Campbell's defence counsel, Donald Findlay, QC, launched an attack on Mr Horne who was giving evidence for a second day.

He claimed he had made up his evidence for financial reward and in the hope that the authorities would rehouse him.

Mr Findlay told Mr Horne that having seen the injured youth in London Road, near Bridgeton Cross, last October, he thought it was something from which he might gain an advantage.

Mr Horne, who admitted that he had been rehoused, denied the allegations.

He agreed with Mr Findlay that he was a "reluctant" witness and told him he had been given a new house because police could not give him a guarantee of safety.

Mr Horne added: "I had a perfectly good home here. But I wouldn't walk through Bridgeton again."

In turn, Mr Horne launched an attack against Mr Findlay and told him: "You are the one who is here for the money, not me. You are the one who is getting paid for this."

Campbell denies murdering Mr Scott, of Newlands, Glasgow, on 7 October, as he walked along London Road with two friends after seeing his team, **Celtic**, beat Partick Thistle 2-1.

Campbell has lodged a special defence of alibi claiming he was in his house at Heron Street, Bridgeton, at the time.

Yesterday, during the second day of his evidence, Mr Horne, a former stall holder at the Barras, who now lives in England, admitted that he had lied to the police and the procurator-fiscal.

But he told the court that was because he was scared to give evidence and he did not want his girlfriend, Heather Hutchison, the mother of his baby, to have to appear in the witness box.

Miss Hutchison, 26, told the court yesterday that she too had seen Campbell with a knife at a bookmaker's in London Road.

He put the knife in his back pocket and when she passed him in the street, he apologised to her for being in the way as she tried to get past with the pram.

The trial before Lord Sutherland continues on Monday.

Murder trial witness called a liar

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A witness in the **Celtic** fan murder trial was yesterday branded a "cold, calculating liar".

Former Barras trader Garry Horne, 28, claimed he saw Jason Campbell, 23, with a knife just before 16-year-old Mark Scott died with his throat cut.

But at the High Court in Glasgow, defence counsel Mr Donald Findlay QC claimed he made it up - hoping for a new house.

"It was a cynical, despicable attempt to get something out of the tragedy", said Mr Findlay.

Mr Horne, who admitted that he had been rehoused in England said he moved because police could not guarantee his safety.

He admitted lying to the authorities at first because he was scared.

Mr Horne added: "I had a perfectly good home here. But I wouldn't walk through Bridgeton again."

"I don't feel safe walking through this city after what I saw that day."

His girlfriend Heather Hutchison, 26, said she also saw Campbell with a knife at a bookie's in Glasgow's London Road.

Later she said she saw Mark clutching his neck and falling to the ground.

Campbell denies murdering Mark, of Newlands, Glasgow in October after a **Celtic** match. He claims he was at home in Heron Street, Bridgeton.

The trial before Lord Sutherland continues.

Mark cops had one name

Daily Record 12/03/1996

COPS knocked on Jason Campbell's door just 45 minutes after a young Celtic fan bled to death, a court heard yesterday. A police officer told the jury Campbell was the "only name in the frame" after Mark Scott, 16, was found dying from a knife wound in Bridgeton, Glasgow, at 5.15pm. At 6pm, the High Court in Glasgow was told, police officers went to interview 23-year-old Campbell. But he wasn't at home. Detective Sergeant Wilson McMillan, 42, said Campbell arrived at the police station with his lawyer 24 hours later. In a taped interview he claimed he was at home with his mother, father, sister, brother-in-law, two nephews and an aunt at the time of the killing. And he didn't leave till shortly after 6pm. Campbell, of Heron Street, Bridgeton, denies murdering Mark last October 7 as the teenager was walking home after a Celtic game at nearby Parkhead. He has lodged a special defence of alibi. DS McMillan told Iain Bonomy, prosecuting, that it was not unusual for police to fail to find a murder weapon. Asked if there had been any other serious contender in the murder investigation, Sergeant McMillan said: "At the time I was involved in the investigation there was no other name in the frame." He said it would be the duty of the police to investigate any other name put forward. Cross-examined by Donald Findlay, defending, DS McMillan admitted Campbell was open and forthright when he was questioned. The first uniformed police officer at the death scene told the court how he found a trail of blood which ended in Mark's body lying half on the kerb and half in the gutter. Asked if he was alive, he said: "I heard some gurgling sounds briefly and then they stopped." Earlier the jury heard allegations that when he was on an identification parade, Campbell told a stand-in next to him: "Long live the not proven verdict." The trial continues.

I wouldn't lie to shield a murderer

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Arnot McWhinnie

A mother yesterday denied lying to shield her son from a murder charge. Rangers fan Jason Campbell is accused of slitting open a schoolboy Celtic supporter's throat. And witnesses who put him at the murder scene said the killer wore a checked shirt - like the freshly washed shirt alleged to have been found at Campbell's home. Unemployed Campbell said that when 16-year-old Mark Scott was killed, he was at home. At the High Court in Glasgow yesterday, 52-year-old Agnes Campbell backed up her son's alibi. She also denied that she had washed blood from the shirt. And she said that when her 23-year-old son arrived home wearing his orange anorak he was perfectly normal and was not upset, agitated or angry. Asked if she was "standing in the witness box lying your head off to help your son", she replied: "No." Mrs Campbell admitted her husband had been convicted of a serious crime in 1979 but denied she had been an alibi witness for him. Campbell, of Heron Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, said he had been wearing what he called his "trademark" orange anorak on the day of the killing. Mark had been walking home from a Celtic game with two pals when he was suddenly slashed across the neck from behind in London Road, Bridgeton. Campbell denied that he ever carried a knife. But when he was cross-examined, he admitted that once, while employed by an evening newspaper, he was instructed to carry a knife for cutting twine on newspaper bundles. He denied going to Greenock later on the day of the murder to "keep out of the way". He also denied saying at a police ID parade: "Long live the not proven verdict." The jury is expected to start considering its verdict today.

Murder jury at hotel

Daily Record 14/03/1996

The jury in the schoolboy Celtic fan murder trial was sent to a hotel last night after failing to reach a verdict. After nearly three hours deliberation, they were asked by judge Lord Sutherland if they were close to a verdict on Jason Campbell, 23, then sent out again. Campbell denies murdering 16-year-old Mark Scott by stabbing him in the neck as he walked home from a Celtic match along London Road, Bridgeton, Glasgow, on October 7. Campbell, of Heron Street, Bridgeton, has lodged a special defence of alibi claiming he was at home with his family. The trial continues.

Life sentence for sectarian killing of football fan

The Scotsman 15/03/1996

A MAN was jailed for life yesterday after being found guilty of the murder of a schoolboy Celtic fan. Jason Campbell, 23, whose father and uncle were Protestant terrorist paramilitaries, stabbed 16-year-old Mark Scott outside a pub at Glasgow's Bridgeton Cross on 7 October last year. Iain Bonomy, QC, prosecuting, revealed to the jury that Campbell had a previous conviction for carrying a knife. The defence QC, Donald Findlay, suggested that Campbell, of Heron Street, Bridgeton, had originally intended just to slash his victim. Campbell denied murder and lodged a special defence of alibi, claiming he was at home with his relatives at the time of the killing.

During the trial the court heard how minutes before he died, Mark, a Glasgow Academy pupil and the son of a corporate lawyer, had been watching Celtic's 2-1 win over Partick Thistle with two friends at nearby Celtic Park.

As the three youngsters - one the son of James Friel, the procurator-fiscal at Paisley - walked along London Road towards Bridgeton Cross they had to pass through a gauntlet of hate from Rangers fans outside the pub.

The attack, in broad daylight, was witnessed by other fans, women out shopping with their children and people in cars and buses.

After the killing, Campbell sprinted to his home just a few hundred yards away where the family was having a party for his nephew's 12th birthday.

He quickly showered and changed, then left, travelling later that night to stay with friends in Greenock.

During the first hours after the incident police received at least 50 telephone calls naming Campbell as the killer.

The next day Campbell gave himself up to police with his lawyer Massimo Franchi.

He was picked out by various witnesses as the young man in a pink shirt and denims they saw running from the scene.

One witness identified Campbell as the killer at a parade and in the dock. Another couple saw him with a knife before the murder.

Life for fiend who killed Celtic fan Mark

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ARNOT McWHINNIE

Twisted bigot Jason Campbell was locked up for life yesterday for the brutal murder of a schoolboy Celtic fan.

Campbell, 23, whose father and uncle were feared Protestant terrorist paramilitaries, slashed the throat of 16-year-old Mark Scott.

Yesterday, after a seven-day trial at the High Court in Glasgow, Lord Sutherland told him: "You have been found guilty of a horrific attack on an entirely innocent youth."

As he was led away Campbell, of Heron Street, Bridgeton, gave his family a thumbs-up sign.

The trial heard how minutes before he died, Mark, a Glasgow Academy pupil and the son of a top corporate lawyer, had been watching Celtic's 2-1 win over Partick Thistle with two pals at nearby Celtic Park.

As the three youngsters headed along London Road towards Bridgeton Cross, Rangers fans screamed abuse.

Campbell, who regularly hung about Bridgeton Cross wearing a bright orange anorak to show off his Loyalist leanings, was spotted by various witnesses.

The boys did not react to Campbell's abuse but he sneaked up behind them, grabbed Mark and slashed at his throat.

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Campbell claimed he was at home with his family at the time Mark was being attacked.

He was backed up by his mum, Agnes, 52.

And he was so confident that he wouldn't be convicted that at one identity parade he said to a stand-in: "Long live the not proven verdict."

In June, 1979, his father, Colin Campbell, now 53, and his uncle William "Big Bill" Campbell, 54, and another seven Ulster Volunteer Force terrorists were sentenced to a total of 519 years.

Charges ranged from the bombing of two Catholic pubs in Glasgow and a criminal conspiracy to further the cause of the UVF by gathering arms and explosives. The brothers were convicted of the conspiracy.

"Big Bill" Campbell, then the UVF's top commander in Scotland, got a total of 62 years in concurrent sentences. The longest was 16 years.

Colin got 57 years, which included a 15-year sentence.

Yesterday both were in court to watch Jason sentenced to life.

A detective who was involved in hunting Mark's killer said yesterday: "This murder chilled the public because the victim could have been your son, my son, indeed anyone's son."

"He was picked at random and killed for no other reason than he supported the wrong football team."

"What happened shocked people so much that the dogs were barking Campbell's name in the street soon after it happened."

"Our phone was red hot and each caller named Campbell as the killer."

"The trouble was the Campbell family is so feared in the area witnesses were just terrified to give their names."
