

Press release: Robber who bit off part of victim's ear jailed

A man who violently robbed a vulnerable victim has today been jailed after the Solicitor General, Robert Buckland QC MP, referred his sentence for being too low.

Tommy Tremayne, 26, had been drunk and behaving aggressively on the day of the attack, and had already been spoken to by the police. His victim, a man with learning difficulties, fled when Tremayne demanded money from him. The offender then chased him down, before the victim tripped and fell. While he was on the floor, Tremayne punched him, and bit off the top of his ear, leaving the victim with a permanent deformity.

Tremayne was originally sentenced in October to a 2 year community order at Taunton Crown Court. Today, his sentence has been increased to 3 years and 4 months immediate imprisonment.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General said:

"Tremayne had already been warned about his aggressive behaviour by police. Despite this he made no effort to moderate himself, ultimately resulting in his terrorising of a vulnerable victim. I am pleased that the Court of Appeal today decided that a custodial sentence is a more appropriate reflection of this crime."