IN THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Indictment No: T202271577

The Queen

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Frank Samuel

Order

1. On Tuesday 28th September Arthur Samuel, aged 81 was attacked and stabbed by his son, Frank Samuel aged 54 and a paranoid schizophrenic with a long history of mental illness.
2. The facts are these: Frank Samuel’s sister was cautious of her brother because of his mental health issues. On that Tuesday, she looked out of the window and saw him by the front door. She told her father not to let him in due to the defendant’s mental health issues but her father overruled her. She let Frank in and he marched past her into the kitchen where she heard him take knives out of the knife block. Her father was in his armchair in the lounge. Her brother went into the lounge holding the knives above his head. She heard him say “Don’t call me Frankie, don’t call me Frankie”. She couldn’t see the knife, but heard her father scream out. She pulled the door closed. Her brother moved away from the door. She went back in and saw he father on the floor. She then saw her brother stab her father again. She left the room and, with all her strength, held the door shut to protect her mother, herself and her un-born baby. She screamed for help. She was assisted in containing Frank Samuel in the living room by a neighbour. Police arrived and he was eveuatully detained.
3. He was arrested, charged with murder and sent for trial to the Old Bailey. On 30th May 2022 Frank Samuel was found not fit to plead or stand trial. he was not fit to attend court in person or by video link. and the psychiatrists agreed that he suffered from treatment resistant psychosis and need to be detained indefinitely.
4. I heard the medical evidence given in court on Monday 30th May 2022 by Dr.Dodge and I have read the reports prepared by Dr. Cummings a and Dr Blackwood, all of whom are approved by the Secretary of State under section 12(2) of the Mental Health Act 1983.
5. I am satisfied that Frank Samuel is suffering from a mental disorder, namely paranoid schizophrenia. This disorder is of a nature which makes it appropriate for Frank Samuel to be detained in a hospital for medical treatment and appropriate medical treatment is available for Frank Samuel at the Bracton Centre.
6. I am of the opinion that because of all the circumstances of Frank Samuel’s case including the nature of the act which Frank Samuel was found to have done and his character and past which includes a longstanding and complicated history of mental illness and having considered all the other available ways in which I might deal with Frank Samuel the most suitable method of dealing with Frank Samuel’s case is by making an order under section 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983.
7. I therefore make an order that Frank Samuel will be re admitted to and detained at the Bracton centre. I am satisfied that arrangements have been made him to be re- admitted within 28 days to this hospital where he has already been for many months.
8. I have also considered whether this order should be subject to special restrictions which are specified in section 41 of the Act. Having heard the evidence of Dr. Dodge, I am satisfied that because of the nature of Frank Samuel’s act and also having regard to his past (including his history of mental illness) and to the risk that Frank Samuel will commit further offences if he is not detained, that it is necessary to protect the public from serious harm. It is not possible to say for how long that will be. Accordingly, I order that Frank Samuel will be subject to the special restrictions set out in section 41 of the Mental Health Act 1983.