

HINDERS OF TWO

Families bound over

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ity prosecuting r Mr David Howells at Brian Warren, of Street, Treherbert, d the daughter of Fisher, of that street, as asserted that there n strained relations i Brian and his father- ver since.

ple of weeks before ged incident, Brian wife had a quarrel. ning the alleged inci- ortnight later it was d that a brush was id Mr Howells, and s mention of an iron

court heard that Fisher (aged 46) and Fisher (28) also of Street, were accused lting Ceri Warren, rievous bodily harm.

and alternatively with assaulting Ceri Warren, causing actual bodily harm.

Donald Fisher and his wife, Valerie, were alleged to have assaulted Brian Warren causing actual bodily harm.

The court dismissed all the foregoing charges, but bound over the five members of the two families in respect of charges that each had acted against the peace by fighting and causing a disturbance.

Mr Gareth Emery and Mr Jamie Rees, who represented the Fishers and Warren respectively, pointed out that their client denied all the charges — those that were dismissed and allegedly causing a disturbance, also that they were the instigators of the alleged incident.

Mr Emery added that Mr and Mrs Fisher acted only in defence of their family.

Mr Rees stressed that there had been no trouble since the alleged incident and that his clients felt that, to proceed with the case, would only cause further bad feeling.

which had become a vicious circle of offending. However well intentioned custodial sentences had been in the past, they had failed to achieve those intentions. A day training order would give Davidson possibly his first ever opportunity to be eased into the community in a responsible role.

Davidson was remanded in custody to the crown court.

Release from Spanish jail

ALAN Jones will be home with his family in the spring after nearly four years in Spanish prisons. He has been given a release date of January 4 and expects to be in Rhondda by February.

His mother, Mrs. Beryl Jones, is marking off the days at her home in Wyndham Street, Gelli. "It will be Christmas all over again", she told the "Leader".

Alan was arrested in Cueta, Spanish Morocco in July 1978, and accused of smuggling 23 kilos of hashish over the border. In June, 1979, he was found guilty and sentenced to seven years in jail.

Last year his solicitor sought a Royal pardon and his brother Norman, of Lesley Street, Porth, wrote to the King of Spain. Earlier this year they heard they had been unsuccessful.

For more than a year Alan has been working in the psychiatric hospital attached to the prison in Madrid and so earned a day off his sentence for every day he worked.

His family hope he will be back before his 40th birthday.

Although Alan has been given the day for his release he will not be freed then. On that day his papers will go to the place where he was arrested, Cueta, and will be returned after they have been completed which could take 10 days.

Then, as he will be expelled from the country, he will have to wait until the Spanish police arrange an escort to the plane.

Joe Perham, of the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, who helped the family last year, says these could be the worst weeks.

"The local Consul could take him to his departure point but the Foreign Office will not allow then to take responsibility", she explained.

"The National Council are very angry about this and we have been talking to them about this policy for some time. Those last few weeks are a horrible time for prisoners as they sit and wonder when they will be free".

But for Alan's parents just the news that he will be freed has done them the world of good. They have his bedroom, newly decorated, waiting for him.

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