

WARDEN'S AFFAIR IN JAIL WITH BOY KILLER



PRISON OFFICER
Rees on bail awaiting sentence over affair

Pair caught after texts found

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A WOMAN prison officer had an affair with a vicious knife killer 16 years her junior in one of Britain's toughest jails for young offenders.

Krista Rees, 36, was caught when suspicious colleagues searched 20-year-old Tobi Peters' cell and found a mobile containing 120 texts between the two.

Peters, jailed for the savage 2008 stabbing of a schoolboy which mirrored the murder of Damilola Taylor, had nicknamed Rees "Mrs Weirido" in his address book. The officer then tried to cover her tracks by changing her mobile number on staff records.

But she was nailed after making two more secret visits to Peters who eventually admitted their two-month affair to prison chiefs.

Now Rees - who had 27 phone conversations with the young murderer in a six-week period - is on bail awaiting sentence after admitting wilful misconduct in a public or judicial office at Oxford Crown Court.

The officer had worked for six years at the Aylesbury Young Offenders Institution, Bucks, which houses more than 400 male inmates under 21 for offences including murder, rape and GBH.

A police spokesman said: "She was suspected by her colleagues of having an inappropriate relationship with prisoner Tobi Peters who was serving a life

sentence for murder. Two colleagues searched Peters' cell and recovered a mobile. Peters was put onto a segregation wing as punishment for having the phone, where Rees visited him twice without permission.

"A number of messages listed from the mobile number registered to Rees were in the phone address book under the name 'Mrs Weirido'.

"Peters was spoken to by prison officers and told them he had been in a relationship with Rees for two months and she had provided him with the phone and paid for the credit on it."

Peters was sent to the institution in 2009 after he and his ballet dancer friend Damien Solowabe were given a minimum of 12 years for murdering 15-year-old Lyle Tullock... in a row over a mobile phone.

Peters, then 17, and Solowabe, 18, stabbed Lyle 12 times outside a teenage girl's 15th birthday party.

Like 10-year-old Damilola Taylor, whose stabbing shocked Britain in 2000, he was killed in an estate stairwell in South London.

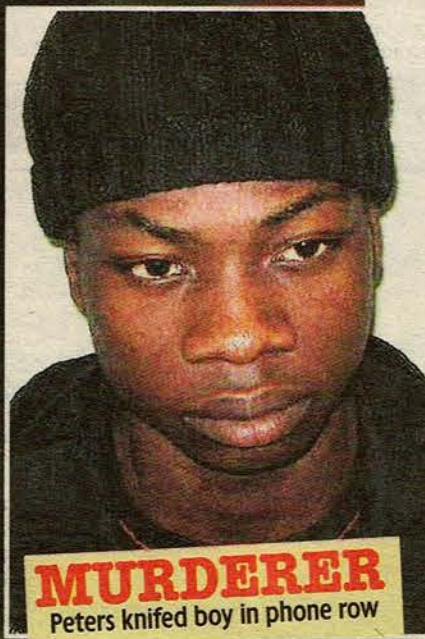
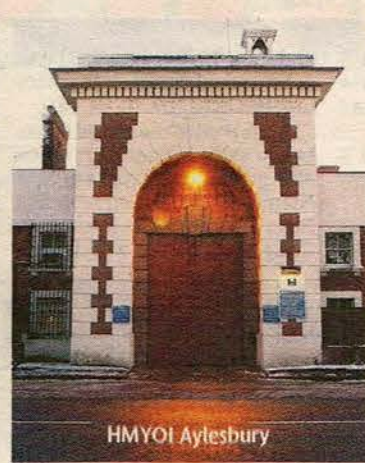
Lyle had been stabbed through his liver, twice in a lung and once through his heart.

Sentencing the pair at the Old Bailey, Judge Peter Rook QC said: "You are both part of the culture of knife crime that blights our cities.

"You were both attacking your defenceless victim while he was lying on the ground. I am satisfied you intended to kill."

A Prison Service spokesman confirmed: "A member of staff at HMYOI Aylesbury has pleaded guilty to misconduct in a public office." Rees, of Waddesdon, Bucks, will be sentenced on October 8.

She refused to comment last night.



MURDERER
Peters knifed boy in phone row

Prisoner and officer had a child together

IN 2008, the Aylesbury Young Offender Institution was rocked by scandal when a prison officer had a child with an inmate.

Kelly-Anne McDade, then 30, had a baby by a prisoner nearly 10 years her junior and was jailed for 30 months.

McDade, of Aylesbury, gave birth to a son in February 2009 after a relationship with Nelson

Delgado, then 21, described as a "dangerous offender".

She also admitted trying to smuggle three phones into the institution Delgado had been moved to after they were caught.

During her trial, Judge Christopher Tyrer called her behaviour "disgraceful".

She had been employed at the institution for three years when

she started the relationship and quit after being caught on CCTV opening his cell late at night.

Richard Germain, defending McDade, said: "There is no doubt it was inappropriate but Ms McDade would say, 'You can't help who you fall in love with'."

McDade regularly visits Delgado at the Swinfen Hall Young Offender Institution in Staffordshire.