

**203.14a**      *Police officers, Actions against*

*R v Decker-Heath* 2015 EWCA 406 D pleaded early to violent disorder. D answered an advertisement on Facebook for an illegal rave. After drinking, D was one of up to 1,000 people who attended the venue and police tried unsuccessfully to contain the crowd. The crowd were pushing forward and gaining access to the venue for the rave. The prosecution considered it was a large-scale disturbance and the crowd was very hostile. D was behind some railings and he was attacking the police lines and fighting with the police. He struck out at them using both hands and his arms. D pulled a police shield off an officer and he tried to pull an officer's helmet off. D also ignored police instructions to get back. In interview D made full and frank admissions. D was aged 20 with no convictions. He was unemployed. The pre-sentence report said he expressed shame and remorse. Held. D had no weapon and he had not tried to injury anyone. We start at 9 months not 18, so with plea, **6 months** not 12. D is warned if this happens again, he will be treated a lot more severely than this.