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220.5 *Sending false messages* *No financial demands made*

R v Pinder 2014 EWCA Crim 1710 D pleaded to communicating false information (full credit). Four days after the Boston terrorist attack, D phoned police four times and texted them once in just over 1 ½ hours. She said bombs would be detonated at named police stations killing all police officers inside etc. D claimed to be a friend of hers in one call and used her own name in two later calls. She used her own mobile. Police played the message to the friend who recognised D's voice. She was aged 33 at sentence with very many previous convictions, including numerous public order offences, criminal damage and persistently using telecommunication systems to cause annoyance offences. D was now aged 33 and had a personality disorder. Held. D was well-known to police who would have realised she was incapable of carrying out the threats. They would have known this from an early stage. The terrorist attack was not relevant. D made no reference to it. We start at 2 years, with plea, **16 months** not 4 years.