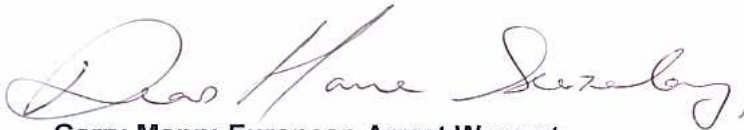


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**Garry Mann: European Arrest Warrant**

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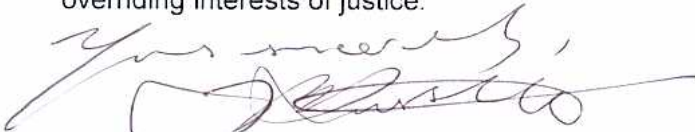
We are writing to you about the case of Garry Mann, a father of six and former fireman from Kent. Mr. Mann has now spent his first night in a Portuguese prison, having failed in his legal battle against extradition under a European Arrest Warrant.

The extradition was requested to require Mr. Mann to serve a sentence imposed after a trial in Portugal which an English judge has described as "so unfair as to be incompatible with [Mr. Mann's] right to a fair trial". Extradition occurred despite another English court having described the case as an "embarrassment" and saying: "If there was a case for mediation or grown-up people getting their heads together, then this is it." We now call on the new coalition Government to do just that: come together and find the necessary common ground to reform this legislation, before more lives are ruined.

This case is evidence of the urgent need to reform the UK's over-rigid extradition laws and to build a fair system of extradition within Europe. We were pleased to see during the televised foreign affairs debate last month that William Hague and Ed Davey each acknowledged civil liberties concerns around continued EU cooperation on criminal justice. Both also acknowledged their parties' concerns over how the UK Extradition Act currently operates. The coalition Government has now agreed to ensure that criminal justice legislation maximises the country's security, protects civil liberties and preserves the integrity of our criminal justice system.

Unless the UK's extradition arrangements with other EU member states are re-examined, there will be further instances of the manifest injustice already suffered by people like Garry Mann, Deborah Dark and Andrew Symeou, all British citizens Fair Trials International is assisting, whose lives and those of their loved ones have been devastated by the unjust operation of Europe's fast track extradition system.

We would be delighted to meet with you and other government representatives in the near future to discuss reform of the European Arrest Warrant legislation so that the system operates fairly, respects the constitutional and fundamental right to a fair trial and affords primacy to the rule of law and the overriding interests of justice.



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