

# Exclusive: Teenager linked to Tube bomb plot was 'poker-loving loner'

It looks like the eye witness who described [From the Telegraph](#)



A teenager [The Sun newspaper](#) has been talking to his friends. His family is Greek Cypriot, not a group who usually have much time for Islam for obvious reasons. However:

Former best friend Vincent Jones, also 19, said: "Damon was quite successful at poker. I think that's how he would fund buying replica weapons. He had a Koran and knew several phrases and he wore a black headscarf. Damon had replica guns and air rifles and even posted a video of himself shooting a replica Glock on YouTube."

Vincent said: "His mum was always quite protective of him because he had learning difficulties. She moved to London with him when he got on an IT course at a London university."

Detectives are thought to be gathering material on Smith's trips abroad to Turkey and Egypt.

One 60-second video on Facebook shows him listening to what sounds like a Muslim call to prayer being read out in Istanbul.

*I cannot but be reminded of the case of [Reilly, who was found dead in his prison cell only last week](#), was a convert to Islam, who I think was considered expendable by his handlers and his 'friends' at Exeter Mosque, through his being an outsider. It may be coincidence. That the Press Association's film critic has the same name is definitely a coincidence.*