Rotherham survivor in court confrontation after grooming gang rapists have sentences REDUCED

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A survivor of the Rotherham grooming gangs abuse scandal clashed with the relatives of an abuser outside court following a resentencing, GB News can reveal.

The dramatic altercation took place after two rapists convicted of attacking a girl from the age of 11 had their sentences reduced after a judicial error

They were among seven British-Pakistani defendants <u>sentenced</u> <u>in September</u> for a total of 106 years following a National Crime Agency investigation into the abuse of two schoolgirls from the South Yorkshire town.



Mohammed Siyab and Abid Saddiq's relatives clashed with a grooming gangs survivor outside

Abid Saddiq, 43, was convicted in June of three counts of rape and one of indecent assault. He was sentenced in September to 24 years imprisonment with a further extended 12-month licence.

Mohammed Siyab 49, was convicted of two counts of rape, one count of sexual intercourse with a girl under 13 and one count of trafficking. He was previously handed down 25 years' imprisonment, with 12 months on licence.

But following an administrative error, Mr Justice Slater resentenced both men at Sheffield Crown Court.

Saddiq's sentence was reduced by three years to 21 years, consisting of 20 years' imprisonment plus 12 months' extended licence. Siyab was resentenced to 24 years' imprisonment, with one year taken off his jail term.

But despite their reduced sentences, GB News understands that both men could spend further time behind bars as they will now have to face a parole board due to the nature of their offending. Previously, they were liable for automatic release after serving two-thirds of their sentences.

This broadcaster can also reveal that anger over the resentencing sparked a confrontation between one of the survivors from the case and relatives of the perpetrators.

One survivor said that a relative was "dead eyeing" her in the court, staring down at her, which she objected to.

GB News understands that the judge then ordered the relatives to leave the court.

But the fracas continued outside Sheffield Crown Court's buildings. It is alleged that one relative called on another to "slap the $b^{***}h$ ", referring to one of the survivors.

One of the survivors from the case told GB News that the relatives' behaviour was "disgusting" and an insult.

"Siyab and Saddiq were cruel and appalling rapists, they stole my childhood. Their relatives should have some shame but instead, they are trying to fight with me at court." She added that family members staring her down was uncomfortable and that it had happened throughout the trial and during the previous sentencing. The real insult though came from the call to slap me. It is beyond unacceptable. It is revolting."