# Man jailed for firing firework into crowd at King’s Lynn Bonfire Night event



In a distressing episode during the Fawkes in the Walks event held in King's Lynn, a 24-year-old man, Aidas Berzinskas, has faced the law after launching a firework into a crowd, resulting in injuries to several attendees. The incident, which took place on Bonfire Night, has raised significant concerns regarding public safety during such events, which typically attract large crowds seeking festive enjoyment.

The court proceedings unveiled a chaotic scene wherein a firework was discharged from a nearby property. Eyewitness accounts highlighted how the sudden explosion led to panic as people, initially unaware of the danger, scrambled for safety amidst cries of alarm. As described in court, one woman suffered severe burns to her hands while attempting to shield herself, and others sustained injuries, including a man who was struck in the neck. Victims reported an overwhelming sense of terror, with one stating that they felt as if they were “under attack.” This fear, coupled with physical injuries, has left a lasting psychological impact on those affected, with concerns about attending similar events in the future.

Prosecution at Norwich Crown Court highlighted the recklessness of Berzinskas’ actions, branding them as "incredibly dangerous and incredibly reckless." This assertion was underscored by Berzinskas admitting to four counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and three counts of criminal damage, reflecting the serious consequences of his brief lapse in judgement. During the court proceedings, it was revealed that the defendant, a Lithuanian national employed as a forklift driver, had filmed the incident and subsequently expressed regret, attributing his actions to a "proverbial moment of madness."

In a somewhat lenient judgement, Recorder Brander suspended a 20-month prison sentence for two years, suggesting that Berzinskas had acted without intent to harm. The decision noted the physical and psychological consequences for the victims, mandating that Berzinskas pay each of them £1,000 in compensation and complete a series of rehabilitation activities. Additionally, he is due to face further charges related to firing a firework into a public place, indicating that the legal repercussions of his actions may not yet be concluded.

While this incident has highlighted severe safety issues in public displays of pyrotechnics, it has also ignited discussions about the responsibilities of attendees, event organisers, and local authorities. With around 20,000 people attending the Fawkes in the Walks event, the need for stringent safety measures to prevent such reckless behaviour cannot be overstated. Event organisers expressed their concern for the injured, reinforcing the importance of thorough crowd control and surveillance during large gatherings to avert future tragedies.

Ultimately, this case serves as a stark reminder that momentary recklessness can lead to lasting harm, urging a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of all celebrating public festivities. The community awaits further developments with a sense of apprehension, anxious about the implications of Berzinskas’ actions on future events.

### Reference Map

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