



Police Federation's anger at planned release of police killer Egon Von Bulow

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Egon Von Bulow, who shot dead Surrey Constabulary's PC John Schofield in 1974 and shot and injured two of his colleagues, is imminently due to be released, as he has been cleared for release by the parole board.

Reacting to this news, Simon Reed, vice-chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, says:

"Together with colleagues across the country we are absolutely horrified that Von Bulow is likely to be released from prison. PC Schofield was brutally slain by this monster who then attempted to murder the officer's two colleagues, Sergeant Harley Findlay and Constable Ray Fullalove. Von Bulow was jailed for life three times over in 1975 and that should mean he spends the rest of his days behind bars.

"It was not that long ago when the murderer of a police officer would have faced the death penalty. When the death penalty was abolished we were assured that anyone convicted of murdering a police officer would spend their life in prison. But if the criminal justice system can consider releasing someone as vile, vicious and unrepentant as Von Bulow then they will consider releasing anyone, and it makes a complete mockery of our justice system.

"For a sense of justice, for the families and friends of PC Schofield and to ensure we send a message loud and clear to anyone holding a gun or knife when confronted by a police officer, Von Bulow must not be released and must stay imprisoned for the rest of his life."