

Campaigner Against American Bases Walks Free

A campaigner for the Accountability of American Bases walked free today on a charge of aggravated trespass after the case collapsed and she was ordered costs.

District Judge Chinnery sitting at Northampton Magistrates Court ruled that the police had not followed the rules when Lindis Percy was carried off US Air Force base, RAF Croughton. The senior officer at the scene, PC Barry Athawes of the Ministry of Defence Force Agency failed to give any order.

Lindis Percy, a 64-year-old grandmother, was thrown to the ground and handcuffed face down by US airmen, on the 19th February 2006.

Following the hearing, Ms Percy, a former health visitor said:

“It is quite clear who is in control of these bases and it is certainly not the British police. At this time, more than ever, we need to have the right to question what US bases are doing on our soil.”

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