



# Man charged for attempted murder after stabbing in Cheltenham

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Nick Price, Head of the CPS Special Crime and Counter Terrorism Division, said: "The CPS has authorised Gloucestershire police to charge Joshua Bowles with attempted murder. This charge is in relation to a woman who was stabbed outside a leisure centre in Cheltenham on Thursday 9 March.

"Mr Bowles, 29, will also be charged with causing actual bodily harm.

"The Crown Prosecution Service reminds all concerned that criminal proceedings against Mr Bowles are active and that he has the right to a fair trial."

He will appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court on 16 March 2023.

It is extremely important there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings.

The function of the CPS is not to decide whether a person is guilty of a criminal offence, but to make fair, independent and objective assessments about whether it is appropriate to present charges for a criminal court to consider.

The CPS assessment of any case is not in any sense a finding of, or implication of, any guilt or criminal conduct. It is not a finding of fact, which can only be made by a court, but rather an assessment of what it might be possible to prove to a court, in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors.

### Notes to editors

- Charges have been authorised against Joshua Bowles [DOB: 19/11/1993] for:
  - Attempted murder contrary to Section 1(1) Criminal Attempts Act 1981
  - Actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 Offences Against the Person Act 1861
- The CPS Counter Terrorism Division prosecutes terrorism cases. It also deals with other complex casework areas including allegations of incitement to racial and religious hatred, war crimes, crimes against humanity, official secrets cases, piracy and hijacking.

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