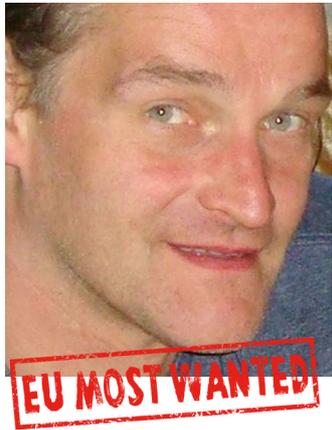


# EU MOST WANTED

Free movement of criminals within the European Union is a risk to our security. Here is a selection of EU criminals who travelled to the UK and committed serious offences including murder and rape.

“Why was a convicted Latvian killer allowed to walk into Britain and murder our little girl?”

(Daily Mail, 27 January 2015)



### Arnis Zalkalns

- A Latvian convicted for murdering his wife in 1998, burying her in a shallow grave. He served a 7 year sentence.
- He then moved to UK in 2007.
- He is believed to have murdered 14 year-old Alice Gross in London in 2014.

“Why was he ever let into the UK, asks family of elderly couple murdered by Polish burglar a week after he arrived here.”

(Daily Mail, 17 February 2012)



### Ireneusz Bartnowski

- A Polish national who was convicted of burglary in 2008.
- He entered the UK in 2011.
- Two weeks later, he killed Giuseppe and Caterina Massaro after attacking them with a knife and hammer. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 34 years. Mr Justice MacDuff said he was ‘evil beyond belief’.

“Fugitive gangster who fled to Britain laughs as he is jailed for 30 years for killing a man with a blow torch and setting him on fire.” (Daily Mail, 11 September 2013)



### Mariusz Florowski

- A Polish national who came to Britain in 2012 despite having convictions for armed robbery, firearms, extortion, burglary, possession of a firearm and organised criminal gang activity.
- He was wanted in Poland for further crimes but was allowed to enter the UK because Polish authorities failed to issue a European Arrest Warrant.

- He was imprisoned in 2013 after killing a man with a blowtorch in Southall and dousing him in petrol before setting him alight.
- The sentencing judge, Her Honour Judge Poulet, said: “Your attack... in my view extended to torture”

“Passport to murder”

(The Sun, 14 February 2009)



### Vitas Plytnykas

- A Lithuanian, who was believed to have served in the Red Army in Afghanistan, who was convicted of manslaughter in Germany in 2000 after he killed a man in a knife attack over money. He was sentenced to seven and a half years’ imprisonment.
- He then entered the UK in 2006 without the authorities being aware of his criminal record.

- In October 2008, he pleaded guilty to the murder of Jolanta Bleidaite in Angus by suffocation, after forcing her to give him access to her savings. He later dismembered the corpse, disposing of body parts in the sea.
- The Judge, Lord Pentland, described this as a ‘truly monstrous and evil crime’

**“Slovak thug who raped and killed businesswoman was allowed into Britain despite convictions for violence.”**

(Daily Mail, 9 April 2009)



### **Marek Harcar**

- A Slovakian with thirteen previous convictions, four of which were for offences of violence in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. He entered the UK freely.
- He was convicted of the robbery, rape and murder of Moira Jones, and attempting to defeat the ends of justice by fleeing to Slovakia. The Judge, Lord Bracadale, said the crime had ‘shocked the nation’ and sentenced him to a minimum term of twenty five years.

**“How did Lithuanian man accused of killing couple sneak into Britain TWICE?”** (Daily Mail, 1 February 2012)



### **Rimvydas Liorancas**

- He was imprisoned for burglary in 1999 in Lithuania and later of armed robbery in the Czech Republic in 2003. He was granted parole in 2009 before immediately absconding to the UK. He lived in the UK for almost a year despite being on a watchlist.
- He was extradited back to Lithuania and imprisoned for absconding. In 2011, he was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident. He then re-entered the UK without a passport.
- In January 2012, he was charged with the murder of Carole and Avtar Kolar with a lump hammer, but he killed himself in HM Prison Woodhill awaiting trial.

**“Ireneusz Melaniuk jailed for life for Peter Avis murder.”**

(BBC News, 16 November 2012)



### **Ireneusz Melaniuk**

- He absconded from prison in Romania where he was serving a sentence for robbery. He was not placed on a European watchlist, allowing him to enter the UK undetected.
- He was sentenced to life imprisonment after murdering 66 year old Peter Avis in 2012, who was stabbed thirteen times and beaten with an ashtray.
- Passing sentence, His Honour Judge John Deveraux said: ‘When you murdered Peter Avis you should have been in Poland, not at large in this country’.

**“Monster who stabbed to death 85-year-old woman in her own home jailed for at least 20 years.”**

(Daily Record, 17 March 2015)



### **Robert Buczek**

- He was convicted of assaulting and robbing an 82 year old woman in Poland.
- He came to Scotland in 2013.
- In 2014, he murdered an 85 year old woman after stabbing her in the neck seven times with a pair of scissors, in a crime described by the trial judge, Lord Matthews, as ‘atrocious’.

**“Four drink and drug-fuelled Polish burglars who savagely beat lecturer during raid.”** (Daily Mail, 30 January 2015)



### **Mariusz Tomaszewski**

- A Polish national who beat university lecturer Paul Kohler, in a case of mistaken identity, leaving him with a fractured eye socket, a fracture to his left jawbone, a broken nose and bruising.
- Tomaszewski had spent eight years in prison for violent offences before coming to the UK in 2013. He was labelled a ‘very dangerous person’ on police files.
- He was sentenced to nineteen years for inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent and aggravated burglary.

**“Thug jailed for 18 years after brutal knuckle-duster attack on defenceless jeweller, aged 89.”** (Daily Mirror, 12 January 2016)



### **Viktor Lakatos**

- A Slovakian who had served a six year term of imprisonment in his country of origin for grievous bodily harm.
- He moved to the UK in 2012.
- He attacked an 89 year old jeweller with a knuckle-duster, who died before Lakatos was brought to trial. He was jailed for four years.
- His Honour Judge DurhamHall QC said the attack was: ‘not just cruel, not just wicked, not just gratuitous and uncivilised, certainly by our standards, it was cowardly in the extreme. It was barbaric’.

**“After fighting in Iraq, this marine returned home only to be beaten up by Polish thugs.”** (Daily Mail, 26 February 2015)



### Daniel Niemiec

- A Polish national with three previous convictions in Poland for violence.
- He entered the UK unchallenged.
- He was part of a gang which attacked Royal Marine Nigel Leppington in Dorset. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for violent disorder.

**“Lithuanian child rapist Victor Akulic allowed into UK.”** (Telegraph, 18 January 2012)



### Victor Akulic

- He was convicted of a series of offences in Lithuania, including grievous bodily harm in 1992. In 1997, he was sentenced to five years for an unrecorded offence. In March 2001, he was imprisoned for eight years for raping a seven year old girl before being released in 2009.
- He entered the UK in 2010 without the authorities being notified of his criminal record.
- In August 2010, he raped a woman and subjected her to three assaults, including knocking her to the ground and stamping on her head. He was sentenced to a minimum term of seven years on appeal. Lady Justice Hallett asked: ‘do we have to take in anybody, even if they have a conviction for raping a child?’

**“Slovakian rapist who was able to settle in Britain DESPITE having a string of sex offences in his home country.”**

(Daily Mail, 12 August 2015)



### Eduard Peticky

- Peticky was jailed in 1988 for eight years after raping two women in a park with two accomplices in Slovakia. He also had convictions for sexual abuse and robbery in his country of origin.
- He travelled to the UK in 2008 and settled in Rotherham.
- He trafficked a five year old girl for sex before abusing her himself.
- He also sexually abused a boy aged between 3 and 5.
- He was convicted of offences of trafficking for sexual exploitation, a sexual assault on a child under 13, engaging in sexual activity with a child and causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity.

**“Maniac stripped naked in Dundee toy shop and abducted boy, 6, before battering youngster’s gran with a cricket bat.”**

(Daily Record , 29 September 2015)



### Przemyslaw Kaluzny

- A Polish career criminal who had served four and a half years for robbery and ten months for hostage taking in Poland.
- He entered the UK in April 2014 without hindrance.
- In April 2015, he entered Toys ‘R’ Us in Dundee with a cricket bat, stripped completely naked, before attempting to abduct a six year old boy. He also assaulted the child’s grandmother with a cricket bat. He pleaded guilty to six counts at Dundee Sheriff Court.

**“Convicted Polish rapist used fake ID to enter UK and rape two more women he met on dating website.”**

(Telegraph, 4 December 2015)



### Rafal Bargiel

- A Polish national who was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment for rape.
- Shortly after his release, he adopted a new name and entered the UK.
- In the UK, he was charged with six counts of rape, two of false imprisonment and one count of assault by penetration, sexual assault and causing a person to engage in sexual activity and sentenced to life imprisonment.
- The judge described the offences as strikingly similar to his offending in Poland.

**“Fugitive Eastern European criminal entered UK legally and raped two women in knife-point attacks.”**

(Daily Mail, 14 January 2013)



### Mindaugus Butkus

- A Lithuanian national who was convicted of committing a robbery at knife point in which he slashed a victim above the eye with a knife. He served less than two years having been released pending appeal.
- He entered the UK without restriction.
- He was convicted of six charges of rape, assault, having an offensive weapon and robbery in the UK. His Honour Judge Watson said he had committed ‘pitiless and wicked crimes.’

**"Sex predator who murdered his wife in Czech Republic allowed into UK to carry out knifepoint rape and string of attacks."** (Daily Mail, 28 January 2012)



### **Kajus Scuka**

- A Czech citizen who was convicted of the murder of his wife in 1988, and had other convictions for gross indecency, indecent assault and assaulting a woman with an axe.
- He arrived in the UK in 2009 without any checks being performed.
- Three months later, in March 2010, he indecently assaulted a woman pushing a pram in Sheffield.

- A month later, he wrestled a woman to the ground, saying 'I give you 30 quid'. Two hours later, he raped his third victim. In May 2010, he targeted a woman in her 20s. He was convicted of rape and three counts of sexual assault.
- Passing sentence, His Honour Judge Kelson QC said: 'It seems to me the case that even with your convictions for murder and assaults you were free to enjoy the same freedom of movement as any other European citizen.'

**"Foreign criminal living in Ipswich can finally be publicly identified after being deported."** (Ipswich Star, 5 March 2015)



### **Rolands Marcinkevics**

- He was convicted of theft in the Riga District Court in Latvia in 1996, with further convictions recorded in the same court in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2009. His offences included robbery and drug offences.
- He entered the UK without the authorities being aware of his criminal record.
- He amassed 14 convictions for 27 offences, including 18 thefts, after entering the UK approximately three years ago.

**"Fears over Britain's 'weak link' ferry ports after Paris terror attacks mastermind came through Dover while on the run from police."** (Daily Mail, 11 January 2016)



### **Abdelhamid Abaaoud**

- A Belgian citizen for whom an arrest warrant was issued by Belgium when he was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment for recruiting jihadists to fight in Syria.
- He subsequently travelled to the UK via Dover.
- He was later identified as the mastermind of the Bataclan killings in Paris in November 2015.

**"Convicted rapist who was allowed to move to Britain from Lithuania."** (Daily Mail, 12 April 2013)



### **Gintas Burinskas**

- A Lithuanian who was imprisoned for ten years for rape in his country of origin.
- He entered the UK undetected three months after he was released in November 2012.
- He then violently assaulted and raped a woman.
- His sentence was increased to life imprisonment on appeal, with the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, stating 'by any measure he is a very dangerous man'.

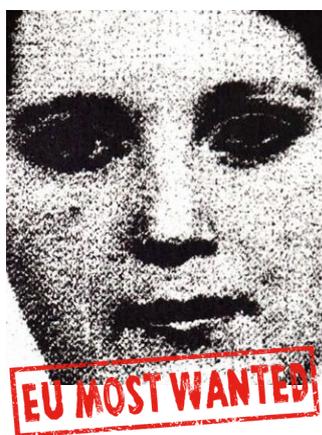
**"Europe's first serial killer who raped and murdered his way across continent to Britain."** (Mail on Sunday, 28 November 2015)



### **Dariusz Pawel Kotwica**

- He committed grievous bodily harm in the Netherlands in 2011.
- He committed an attempted homicide after a shoplifting in Salzburg in 2012.
- He was responsible for the double murder of a married couple in Vienna on 21 May 2015.
- There are reports of possible murders in the Czech Republic and the Netherlands.
- It seems that he also stayed several years in UK.

**"Runaway mum who tortured and strangled an old woman in her home."** (Daily Record, 17 May 2015)



### **Tatjana Kurlankova**

- She was sentenced to 10 years in 2006 for the murder of an 85 year old woman who was injected with alcohol and mercury, and for several robberies in Latvia.
- She fled Latvia in 2013, setting up home in Plains, Ayrshire.
- Her record was only discovered after she received a fixed penalty for drinking in Glasgow in 2015.