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Billy Coull offence sentence reflection blog post

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Some things don't need to be defended.
They need to be understood—and lived with.
In 2024, I pleaded guilty to an offence under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act.
It was about messages and images—sent during the emotional wreckage of a long-
term relationship that had ended, but still lingered in me.
Loopt a photo in my underweer
I sent a photo in my underwear.
A striptease with a caption.
And a more explicit image.
The judge said clearly:
"If it wasn't for the sexual nature of the images, it's unlikely this would have become
criminal."
That line matters.
Because it marked the difference between heartbreak and law.
な The Sentence
Community Payback Order
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Sex Offenders Register
I accepted all of it.
No appeal.
No evasion.
No spin.
Recause accountability isn't the enemy of healing
Because accountability isn't the enemy of healing. It's the doorway to it.
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☐ What I've Learned Since
That pain can make you act out in ways that hurt people—even if you never meant to
That silence feels like punishment until you realise it's the only place truth can grow
That shame doesn't kill you—but hiding from it might
That being on a register doesn't erase your humanity—but it does force you to reckon with it
☐ Why I'm Still Talking About It
Because most people bury their worst day.
I'm choosing to build from mine.
Because most people let the media own their story.
I'm choosing to speak first—before they speak for me again.
Because someone will search my name.
And when they do, I want them to find the truth, not just the trial.
☐ What I Keep Doing
I show up to supervision
I go to therapy
I build this site
I write diary entries
I speak plainly

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thought, and word began with me.

I hold the sentence in one hand—and the work in the other

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