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Prime Minutes (2)

Mr Wright plus 4 remanded in custody (now 11 in total)
2 more bailed

NUM BRANCH PRESIDENT IN CUSTODY

AN NUM BRANCH PRESIDENT WAS REMANDED IN CUSTODY TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK ON WORKING MINER MICHAEL FLETCHER.

MR FLETCHER, 24, LEFT PONTEFRACT HOSPITAL LATE THIS AFTERNOON AFTER BEING BEATEN UP IN HIS HOME ON FRIDAY. HE HAS A BROKEN SHOULDER, BROKEN ANKLE, BRUISED RIBS AND OTHER INJURIES.

FRYSTON COLLIERY BRANCH SECRETARY ROY WRIGHT, 55, AND SIX OTHER MINERS APPEARED IN COURT TODAY. ELEVEN OTHER MINERS APPEARED BEFORE MAGISTRATES ON MONDAY.

MR WRIGHT OF BROTHERTON, NEAR CASTLEFORD, WAS ACCUSED THAT WITH OTHERS HE CAUSED GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM TO MR FLETCHER.

MICHAEL JOHN TRAVIS, 28, AND SEAN GORNER, 23, BOTH OF CASTLEFORD, WERE REMANDED ON CONDTINAL BAIL UNTIL DECEMBER 3.

BOTH ARE ACCUSED OF BESETTING MR FLETCHER'S HOME AND GORNER OF CARRYING PAINT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DAMAGE.

THE OTHER FOUR MINERS WERE REMANDED IN CUSTODY UNTIL DECEMBER 3.

STEPHEN CUNNINGHAM, 25, OF NORMANTON, NEAR CASTLEFORD, AND ROBERT REIDMAN, 23, OF CASTLEFORD ARE ACCUSED OF ENTERING MR FLETCHER'S HOME, CAUSING GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM AND CARRYING PICK-AXE HANDLES.

COLIN LOVEDAY, 25, AND ANDREW WEAVER, 23, BOTH OF CASTLEFORD ARE CHARGED WITH CAUSING AN AFFRAY.

MR IAN STAMP, PROSECUTING, SAID THAT POLICE INQUIRIES ARE CONTINUING.

REPORTING RESTRICTIONS WERE NOT LIFTED.

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There are still others are
"helping police with their enquiries"
The possibility of a conspiracy
charge is being considered.

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