



□ Carole Swords (Mc Laughlin), chair of Tower Hamlets Respect Party, [attacked](#) Harvey Garfield after he allegedly stood in the way of her damaging Israeli goods at a Tesco supermarket in central London.



Swords, 59, entered a Tesco store in Covent Garden on August 13, 2011 after attending an anti-Israel demonstration outside the nearby Ahava cosmetics (product of Israel) store in Covent Garden, central London.

Garfield claimed that he was at the store to defend Israeli products from potential vandalism by protesters. "On the day, I heard about the supermarket protest and went along in order to inform the store and help identify the activists," he said.

Garfield said that Swords had approached the staff at the grocery store and demanded to know why it stocked Israeli products. She was told to address any complaints to Tesco's head office. At that point she left the store but then returned, and after seeing Garfield, she swore at him and assaulted him.

Giving evidence, Mr. Garfield said he had been volunteering at the store once a fortnight to advise staff about the anti-Israel protests. He provided early warnings of "more extreme demonstrations" which could cause disturbance and vandalism.

He explained how he was attacked. "She walked past me and down the aisle. I turned to follow her at a distance... She stopped and said to me 'don't you f***ing follow me'. I turned my head to reply, but she struck me in the face.

"It happened in a fraction of a second. The next thing I knew I was bending down to pick up my glasses. Her words were quite forceful, I was taken aback. It was absolutely not an accident. I was surprised more than anything. I had never been struck before in that way." He said he then found a police officer who arrested her, and she spent 10 hours in custody.

At City of London Magistrates Court on Jan 26, 2012, Swords denied assaulting Mr. Garfield, claiming he had harassed and attacked her whilst calling her a Nazi and a Palestinian terrorist as she entered the store to buy a drink.

Swords expressed the view that Mr. Garfield was a "rabid dog" who was ill. She said that she could see Mr. Garfield's face streaming with sweat and she could smell his "evil breath" on her face. Swords also stated that Mr. Garfield spat in her face, and mimed wiping spittle away with her hand. Swords claimed that Mr. Garfield had lifted her off her feet and swung her round and had bruised her arm.



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