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# BANGED UP FOR HIS ART

Inspiring painter wrongly arrested for 'looting' T-shirt



Accused: Pt Okpe-Egbe with the receipt, left, and one of his paintings

**EXCLUSIVE**  
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A soldier who hoped to inspire people in the wake of the Clapham Junction riots with his art, was wrongly arrested for looting Debenhams.

Private Adjani Okpe-Egbe, 32, of Wynter Street, Clapham Junction, is a talented self-taught artist who went out on to the street three days after the August 8 riots to paint in public in a bid to inspire others to do something positive.

But instead he found himself being handcuffed and held in a cell overnight after an over-zealous member of the public accused him of stealing a T-shirt from Debenhams.

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