

Welcome to the Beerey household: Dad's locked up, Daughter's knocked up, Mum's fed up... what's going on? Beerey is the true story of one family's fight for justice, and to stand strong together. Honest, raw, funny and heartbreaking. It makes you wonder, how far would you go to prove your family *aren't* secret international cocaine smugglers? It's all got to be a mistake, right?

#### THE BEEREY TOUR:

Thurs 20, Fri 21, Sat 22, Sun 23 APRIL 7:30pm at Slam, Kings Cross, London

<http://slam.org.uk/about-us/>

Thurs 4, Fri 5 MAY 7:30pm at Ventnor Winter Gardens, Isle of Wight

<http://www.theventnorwintergardens.com/>

Sun 7 and Mon 8 MAY at Theatre N16, Balham, London

<http://www.theatren16.co.uk/>

Mon 8 MAY - Live BSL simultaneous translation show

<http://www.wandsworthfringe.com/>

Weds 24, Thurs 25 MAY at Ryde School Theatre, Isle of Wight

[www.loistemel.com](http://www.loistemel.com)

Fri 30 JUNE, Sat 1 JULY at The Rondo, Bath

<http://rondotheatre.co.uk>

Beerey is a verbatim one act play, sharing the true experiences of Sue and Elle during and since the arrest and wrongful conviction of Jon Beere, known as Beerey, Sue's husband and Elle's father. Beerey was arrested in 2011 part as part of Operation Disorient (one of the UK's biggest international drugs smuggling busts) in 2011. Jon is serving 24 years in prison for a crime he maintains that he did not commit, and is fighting for his freedom alongside the rest of 'The Freshwater Five' (as they have become known).

The play tells the usually hidden story of the impact of a wrongful conviction on the family members left behind. Sue and Elle tell their stories with total honesty, candour, with no holds barred and often a great deal of humour... Their story makes you wonder, what would you do if your perfectly ordinary family was suddenly swept into the nightmare of a high profile drugs prosecution? If a member of your family is accused of a crime will everyone believe not just that that person is guilty, but that you're all guilty?

Whether convictions are rightful or, as in this case, wrongful - this is the reality faced by thousands of families across the UK every single day. More children currently have a parent in prison than are 'looked after' children. More children currently have a parent in prison than are on the Child Protection or Child At Risk Register. There is currently no national system for these children to have any access to that parent, or to get support for everything they experience as a result of that parent serving time.

At the time of writing the Freshwater Five are still being held in prison, and their families are still fighting to get evidence to prove their innocence assessed by the Criminal Cases Review Commission. This process has been underway for just over 2 years, and there is still no court date set for the appeal to be heard.

[www.5men104years.com](http://www.5men104years.com) is the website set up to tell the full story of all the men and families involved. Profits from the shows to [criminalappeals.org.uk](http://criminalappeals.org.uk)

Parental Guidance Advised: There is some distressing subject matter, and some swearing.

**Notes for editors:**

1) The performers Lois Temel and Stephanie Perry do not speak for the Beere family, and all opinions presented in interviews or on social media etc are their own.

For more on Lois: <http://www.loistemel.com>

For more on Stephanie: <https://www.spotlight.com/interactive/cv/4930-9086-5987>

2) The 'Freshwater Five' and their families are represented by Emily Bolton of the Centre for Criminal Appeals (CCA). The case is pending a Criminal Cases Review Commission and assessment following a judicial review by Lady Justice Hallett in 2015, all questions regarding the legal case should be directed to Emily ([Emily.bolton@criminalappeals.org.uk](mailto:Emily.bolton@criminalappeals.org.uk)).

3) The Centre for Criminal Appeals (CCA) is a not for profit solution to the shortage of investigation and legal representation for criminal appeals - [www.criminalappeals.org.uk](http://www.criminalappeals.org.uk)