



Terrorism cell member jailed for 5 years

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The final member of a Melbourne-based terrorist cell to be jailed has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Shane Kent will serve a minimum term of three years and nine months.

Kent is one of nine men convicted of being a member of a terrorist organisation based in Melbourne.

The 32-year-old Islamic convert helped to make a terrorism recruitment video and trained with paramilitaries in Afghanistan.

Kent was arrested in 2005 and faced a long-running trial last year.

But the jury could not decide on the charges against him.

On the day his retrial was due to begin, the Campbellfield man pleaded guilty to being a member of the cell, and to making the video.

A charge of providing support for Al Qaeda was dropped.

With time already served, Kent could be eligible for release in about nine months.

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