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## Semantic Summary

John Hunter, operating as The Laughing Auditor (60.4K subscribers), is a UK-based YouTube auditor with a BA in Journalism and Media who aligns himself with the PINAC (Public Interest, No Adverse Comment) movement — a controversial legal theory with no recognised basis in UK law that some auditors invoke to assert special filming rights. With a distinctive Scottish/Canadian accent, Hunter has been arrested multiple times: at Peterborough Police Station (tased, pleaded guilty to aggravated trespass), at Euston Station, and again at Peterborough in a later incident involving eight officers. His content includes audits of embassies, Jobcentres, and transport hubs, and he appeared on GB News claiming police "stood by as I was harassed." Hunter's appearance in Graham Linehan's Substack indicates alignment with the anti-trans/anti-woke commentator network, situating him at the intersection of the auditor subculture and the broader culture-war media sphere. He is widely labelled a "frauditor" by counter-auditor communities who accuse him of misrepresenting the law and abusing staff. His repeated arrests, guilty plea for aggravated trespass, and alignment with the legally dubious PINAC movement exemplify the confrontational auditor model that prioritises provocation over accountability, with the "laughing" persona serving as a performative frame for encounters designed to generate viral conflict content. | **Category** | UK auditor / PINAC movement | | **Status** | Active (has had legal issues) | | **Real Name** | John Hunter | | **Channel** | @thelaughingauditor | | **Subscribers** | ~60.4K | | **Location** | Scotland / UK (Scottish/Canadian-sounding accent) | | **Education** | BA in Journalism and Media |

## Overview

**The Laughing Auditor (TLA)** is a UK-based YouTube auditor who operates under the real name **John Hunter**. He claims to have a BA in Journalism and Media and presents himself as a defender of public rights, particularly aligned with the **PINAC (Public Interest, No Adverse Comment)** movement. His channel banner reads: *"Always having the Last Laugh....."*

His channel description states: "*Always on hand to show the public what our public funds are paying for! Playing my part to protect our hard won rights while promoting and supporting the PINAC movement.*"

He has a distinctive Scottish/Canadian-sounding accent and has been documented auditing across the UK, including London, Peterborough, Glasgow, and elsewhere. He is frequently involved in confrontational audits of police stations, government buildings, embassies, and job centres.

## Notable Content

- Audits of police stations (including Peterborough Police Station where he was arrested)
- Audits of embassies in London (Greek Embassy, Italian Embassy)
- Audits of Jobcentres (including Guildford)
- Audits of transport hubs (Euston Station)
- Street audits confronting police over stop-and-search procedures
- Content promoting the PINAC legal theory

## Media Coverage

### GB News Appearance

Appeared on GB News with Andrew Doyle in a segment titled "*YouTuber The Laughing Auditor: Police STOOD BY as I was HARASSED.*" He claimed police failed to protect him during a harassment incident and expressed naivety about the situation.

### Graham Linehan / The Glinner Update

Featured in a Substack piece by Graham Linehan titled "*A chat with The Laughing Auditor,*" indicating alignment with the anti-woke/anti-trans commentator network.

## Legal Issues

### Arrest at Peterborough Police Station (2022-2023)

TLA was arrested at Peterborough Police Station during an audit. The incident involved police deploying a Taser. A Freedom of Information request was filed to Cambridgeshire Constabulary

asking what charges John Hunter pleaded guilty to, specifically referring to aggravated trespass. The FOI request referenced the video of his police station audit.

## Arrest at Euston Station (2023)

Documented on r/AmlFreeToGo: *"The Laughing Auditor arrested at London's Euston Station."*

## Arrest and Taser Incident (2025-2026)

A later incident at Peterborough Police Station saw TLA surrounded by eight officers and held at Taser-point. A Freedom of Information request was submitted to Cambridgeshire Constabulary regarding this incident, referencing "Destruction Order/thin-blue line badges."

## Reddit Presence

- **r/AmlFreeToGo:** Multiple threads referencing TLA's arrests and police interactions. Mixed sentiment — some supportive of his right to film, others critical with comments like "Auditors should be tased more often."
- **r/90DayFianceUK:** A character from 90 Day Fiance UK appeared in one of TLA's videos.
- **General auditor criticism:** TLA is frequently labelled a "frauditor" by counter-auditor channels (e.g., "Frauditor gets kicked out. The laughing auditor John Hunter abusing staff gets his reward.").

## Controversies

### "Frauditor" Label

TLA is widely criticised in counter-auditor communities who accuse him of being abusive to staff and security, misrepresenting the law, and using auditing as a cover for harassment. Multiple YouTube videos exist under titles like "John Hunter Is The Laughable Auditor" and "Frauditor scum The Laughing Auditor exposed."

## Aggravated Trespass Charge

Pleaded guilty to charges related to his arrest at Peterborough Police Station, as documented through a Freedom of Information request to Cambridgeshire Constabulary. The specific charges relate to aggravated trespass.

## PINAC Movement Alignment

TLA is a proponent of the PINAC (Public Interest, No Adverse Comment) movement — a controversial legal theory that some auditors use to argue they have special rights to film. Mainstream legal experts generally dismiss PINAC as having no basis in UK law.

# Channel Statistics (Approximate)

- Subscribers: ~60,400
- Videos: ~417 (as of Dec 2025)
- Content style: Police station audits, embassy audits, street auditing, PINAC advocacy
- Active since: ~2022 (approx 3 years as of 2025)

# Links

- YouTube: [@thelaughingauditor](#)
- X/Twitter: @laughingauditor

# References

- GB News (via Facebook): "YouTuber The Laughing Auditor: Police STOOD BY as I was HARASSED"
- Graham Linehan / The Glinner Update: "A chat with The Laughing Auditor"
- WhatDoTheyKnow: FOI request to Cambridgeshire Constabulary re John Hunter charges
- WhatDoTheyKnow: FOI request re Laughing Auditor Taser incident at Peterborough Police Station
- Various counter-auditor YouTube channels documenting TLA's arrests and legal cases
- starstat.yt: The Laughing Auditor channel statistics

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