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Pentagon hacker wants trial in UK

COMPUTER hacker Gary McKinnon wants to stand trial in the UK for hacking into the Pentagon's computer system, his mother said.

Last week, Home Secretary Alan Johnson dashed hopes that the Government would intervene in the case, insisting there was no evidence that extradition to the US would breach Mr McKinnon's human rights.

Mr McKinnon, who has Asperger's syndrome, faces up to 60 years in jail for hacking into the American systems after the 9/11 terror attacks.

He says he was looking for evidence of UFOs.

His mother Janis Sharp said yesterday: "Gary isn't trying to avoid being prosecuted, he wants to be prosecuted in the UK, which is his right under the Magna Carta."

Public v fake lot

HUNDRED Britons have bought phoney lottery tickets, a consumer watchdog says.

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Heather Hill, director of OFT's Markets Group, said the scams are affecting 140,000 UK each year. She wants people to be warned so they can avoid the scam.

The scam promises a large sum of money via a letter or call, the OFT said.