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<b>WITNESS STATEMENT</b>			
(Criminal Procedure Rules R16.2, Criminal Justice Act 1967 S9)			
		URN	
Statement of	<b>STEVEN EVASON</b>		
Age if under 18	<b>Over 18</b> (if over 18 insert 'over 18')	Occupation	<b>Taxi driver</b>
This statement (consisting of _____ page(s)) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.			
Signature	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	Date	30/07/2024
Signature of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	x _____	Relationship of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded <input type="checkbox"/> (supply witness details on MG11 Back)			
I am the above named person and I reside at an address I have provided to the police. I work as a Taxi Driver in the Southport area for One Call Taxi's who cover the Southport area. I have been contacted by Merseyside Police today and I understand the taxi call centre passed on my contact details to the team investigating the incident on HART STREET, SOUTHPORT.			
I recall that on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024, I was in work and driving my taxi - a Black Kia Niro <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;"><b>DPA</b></span>			
<span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;"><b>DPA</b></span> At about 12:21 hours on this day I was asked to attend a pick-up at Old School Close, Banks. At the time, I was by the fair in Southport and I had to travel the 10 minute journey up to Banks. I don't recall the number of the house I stopped outside, but it's a newbuild house, possibly terraced. It must have been about 12:30 hours approximately when I arrived.			
A young lad came out of the house. I will describe him at the end of the statement. He got into my car and sat in the rear seat, but not directly behind me - across from me on the passenger side. When asked where he wanted to go, he just said "Range High School, Formby". He had a hood up,			
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and a Covid style face mask on. He may have been carrying a rucksack, but I'm not certain about this. I had started to set my meter when he gave me the destination.

I was just about to set off, when a man came running of the house where the lad had come from. I assumed it was his Dad. He was pleading with me and saying "don't take him, don't take him". I recall the lad saying "I'm 18" and "I wanna go, take me". I think during the encounter that I referred to the man as "your Dad" when speaking to them, and neither corrected me.

There was an argument going on between them, but it was strange as both were speaking to me directly, rather than to each other. I didn't want to get into the middle of a domestic situation, and I told the lad I wouldn't be able to take him. I would say he was calm. He got out without an issue when I asked him to, and he went back to the house I believe.

I said to the man, who I presumed to be his Dad, that I'd travelled from Southport for the fare, and he passed me £5 to cover my expense of travelling to Banks.

I would describe the lad who got into the taxi as being a young black male. He had smooth black skin, and was aged about 17-18 years old. He was about 5'8" tall and slim build. He wore a green/blue ribbed type jacket, with the hood worn up. He was also wearing a covid face mask, so I would only see his eyes. These were very white. He was sat in my taxi for about 1 minute, diagonally across behind me. This is the closest I got to him, and I had a unobstructed view. It was daylight at the time.

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<p>I believe I would be able to recognise him again if required to do so.</p> <p>I am willing to attend Court over this matter if needed to.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>SIGNATURE</b></p>	
Statement taken by (print name)	CRAIG DOYLE
Station	OPERATIONAL COMMAND CENTRE, SPEKE
Date, time statement taken	16:15 30/07/2024 via telephone

