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WITNESS STATEMENT			
(Criminal Procedure Rules R16.2, Criminal Justice Act 1967 S9)			
	URN		
Statement of	JULIAN MEDLOCK		
Age if under 18	Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')	Occupation	Car refinisher
<p>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.</p>			
Signature	x _____	Date	29/07/2024
Signature of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	x _____	Relationship of parent / guardian / appropriate adult	
<p>Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(supply witness details on MG11 Back)</i></p> <p>I am the above named person and I reside at an address known to Merseyside Police.</p> <p>I write this statement regarding an incident which I witnessed on the 29th of July 2024 at 34a HART STREET, SOUTHPORT. I know this to be a children's day care for very young children.</p> <p>On the 29th of July 2024, I was present at my place of work, I own MASTERS body work shop on HART STREET. I had been there since approximately 8:00hrs. At approximately 11:45hrs I was in the workshop when I received a phone call from my friend [TD1] who is a local taxi driver in the area. [TD1] stated to me "There's a lad just come down your alley way, who has not paid the taxi fare, I wouldn't phone the police for a tenner". I had not seen anyone walk down the alley way past my place of work, therefore, I did not know who [TD1] was talking about. At this point I heard the sound of children screaming. I would say that my workshop is parallel to 34a HART STREET but divided by a brick wall. I first assumed this was children playing and having fun in a back garden close by. I was not aware of any event at the children's day centre.</p>			

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The screaming continued for a number of minutes and it started to alarm me, it sounded as though it had changed direction and the screaming had now moved outside.

At that point I ran outside to the front onto HART STREET and noticed my colleague James DICKSON wearing a white paint suit holding a female child, approximately 10 years of age. [I&S]

[I&S]

[I&S] She appeared to be wearing an off the shoulder top, [I&S], I looked around and noted approximately six other children lying on the floor across HART STREET, some on the path, some on the road and some on drive ways. [I&S]

[I&S]

I sighted a white BMW parked outside on the opposite side of the children's day centre. [I&S]

[I&S]

[I&S] I did not notice the registration of this car. There was a female in the driver seat, I heard her shout something. I could not hear exactly what she said but it was words to the effect of "[I&S]

[I&S]

[I&S], I took that to mean one of the children in the back of the car had been stabbed. I could see approximately four or five children inside the vehicle. They were all crying.

I also noted a female approximately in her thirties wearing a blue uniform, with brown shoulder length hair, was slumped against the wheel of a Passat, which I believe to be silver but I could be wrong. [I&S], she appeared to be in and out of consciousness.

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At this point, a male who I recognise from living on the street shouted to me to "GET SOME RAGS OR TOWELS", I immediately ran back into work and grabbed a roll of white tissue paper. I handed this out to numerous adults who were tending to injured children. There was a lot of commotion by this point, Police and Ambulance were not on scene yet. I noted that a neighbour further down the road at number 43 HART STREET, had sheilded a number of children in his house. Parents had started to arrive from all directions and I heard him shout "I HAVE 15 CHILDREN IN MY HOUSE". I also heard people screaming that the offender was still in the day centre, I heard people referring to him as "A BLACK BASTARD". I am not sure if there were any children still left in the building at that point, there were definitely no more children running out. They were all on floor injured on HART STREET or inside the neighbour's address. I could hear lots of screaming and crying of both adults and children.

I did notice a male member iof the public, who I have never seen before carrying a young female child approximately seven or eight years of age in his arms. [I&S]

[I&S]. This male appeared to be in work gear, a white T shirt, black trousers and work boots. I sighted another male with no t shirt on coming from the entrance to day centre carrying another young female approximately 8 years of age [I&S]

[I&S]

I then noticed parents arriving and frantically searching through the children on the floor. I am unsure how long this lasted before police and ambulance arrived, I remember it feeling like a long

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<p>time as I remember people on the phone asking where they were. I then remember a mass of police arriving, followed by paramedics and armed police.</p> <p>At this point, myself and members of the public stepped back and allowed the emergency services to take over. I assume news of the incident had travelled as there were a mass of people at the scene, from members of the public to emergency services.</p> <p>I returned to my place of work and spoke with my business partner Colin PARRY who informed me that he was confronted earlier by a black male in a green hoodie with what appeared to be a covid mask on. PARRY had heard [] TD1 [] shout that he had not paid the taxi fare. PARRY and another male customer in the shop had challenged this male about not paying for the fare, the black male then stated words to the affect of "WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU GOING TO DO" and then walked off. PARRY then lost sight of this male. I did not return to the scene and I did not see anything else</p> <p>The whole incident felt as though it lasted approximately ten to fifteen minutes. The weather was clear and sunny, my view was not obstructed.</p> <p>I am happy to attend court if necessary and assist Merseyside Police with any enquiries.</p>	
Statement taken by (print name)	DC 8685 JONES
Station	Lower Lane Police Station
Date, time statement taken	29/07/24 22:30

