

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Statement of: Alexander McNamee

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Age (if under 18): N/A

Occupation:

I am PC 4658 Alexander MCNAMEE of LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY, currently attached to SKELMERSDALE POLICE STATION. This is my statement regarding an incident I attended on MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2019, to which log LC-20191007-1383 refers.

The location is RUDAKUBANA'S HOME ADDRESS.

The people I will mention are myself, my colleague PC 872, a male I now know to be Axel RUDAKUBANA, who I will refer to as RUDAKUBANA, a female I know to be RUDAKUBANA'S mother, Laetita MUZAYIRE, who I will refer to as LAETITIA, and a male I know to be RUDAKUBANA'S father, Alphonse RUDAKUBANA, who I will refer to as ALPHONSE.

On the above date, I was on routine patrol, in company with PC 872, when we were dispatched to the above log. It was initially passed to us that RUDAKUBANA had been in touch with Child Line stating he had been bullied at school and wanted to kill his bully, and had previously taken a knife into school in relation to this.

We attended and were allowed in by LAETITIA. RUDAKUBANA came downstairs at her request. At some point during our subsequent conversation, ALPHONSE returned home and sat with us, though I am not sure at which point.

PC 872 and I engaged in conversation with RUDAKUBANA about the report that he had been taking a knife into school. He confirmed this and was initially quite flippant and dismissive about it, stating that it was because he was being bullied at his school, THE RANGE at FORMBY. We asked what his intention with the knife would be, and he said he believed he would use it when he gets angry at the bullying. He seemed very frustrated with the bullying - with the added belief that the school wasn't acting on it - and initially did not appear to be fully understanding of the consequences of the actions he was proposing. He appeared fixated on this. After spending some time with him discussing the matter, RUDAKUBANA did recant somewhat on what he was saying and said he wouldn't take a knife to school again.

We were told by LAETITIA that she was already aware of what had been going on and had taken the knife from him, as well as locking away all the other ones. I believe LAETITIA said that RUDAKUBANA had been or was being assessed for mental health issues, though I don't remember specifics about this or whether she said he had been diagnosed with anything. Both

LAETITIA and ALPHONSE expressed concerns about RUDABUKANA'S behaviour and were also frustrated with what they perceived to be a lack of action from the school with regards his being bullied.

We left and completed a high-risk child referral for RUDAKUBANA outlining concerns. I also emailed details about the incident to THE RANGE SCHOOL, FORMBY, and asked for the Sergeant in the Earlies Team the following day to follow it up with the school. I emailed MERSEYSIDE POLICE with information regarding this log, as THE RANGE SCHOOL is in MERSEYSIDE.

In the subsequent days, I also liaised with the safeguarding lead or headteacher at THE RANGE SCHOOL, who was aware of the incidents and had reported them and temporarily suspended RUDAKUBANA, whilst they discussed what their next steps would be. Whilst this was ongoing, I received an email from ALPHONSE asking whether I would attend the school with him and RUDAKUBANA in order to speak on their behalf. I declined this.

I was made aware that RUDAKUBANA had been permanently expelled from the school a few weeks later. I can't remember whether I had been emailed or called by the staff at the school with regards this.

To my knowledge I had no further interaction with RUDAKUBANA or his family.

This statement 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 of witness:

Signature

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