

RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2)

NICHE Ref No: 19100723491

Statement of: Mr MICHAEL MCGARRY

Age (if under 18): N/A

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.

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Date: 11-12-2019

I am the above named person and reside at the address known to merseyside police.

I am currently employed as Headteacher of Range High School , Formby , L37 2YN and have been in this position since september 2019.

On 11/12/2019 at approximately 0910 hrs , I was conducting a year 9 assembly in the school. At this point , I could see a teaching assistant was attempting to gain my attention . I sighted a male next to the staff member who I know to be AXEL RUDAKABANA 07/08/2006. AXEL has been excluded from the school due to him bringing a knife and threatening to use it . This occured in october 2019 .

I approached AXEL and began asking why he was at the school and that he was supposed to be in his new school. AXEL didnt respond to me. I advised him that he needed to come with me but at this point he ran off down the corridor. I followed asking him to stop and telling him to calm down.

At this point , I noticed a group of students walking towards Axel and myself. Axel dropped his bag and produced a hockey stick from his coat . He then approached the group and swung the stick at DPA DPA is a student at the school and was on his way to class. AXEL hit DPA numerous times with the stick. At this point , i grabbed AXEL from behind in order to prevent him from attacking any one else and was assisted by the deputy headteacher of the school. I then escorted AXEL to my office and asked my staff to contact police.

Whilst waiting for police to attend I spoke with AXEL who was very calm and collective. He was insistant that his actions were not wrong. He stated he was looking for another boy in the school to attack.

The police then arrived and I explained what had occured to them . I then became aware that the officer had located a knife in a rucksack. I can confirm that AXEL was in possession of this rucksack when I sighted him. The officer then arrested AXEL, spoke to both parents and escorted him off site.

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I have since spoken to [DPA] who was completely shaken by the incident . He appeared to have bruising to his arms. [DPA] stated there was no reason why he was attacked.

There is cctv of the incident which I have allowed the officer to film on his body worn camera. I will be able to obtain copy of the footage at a later date .

I am willing to attend court in relation to this matter if required.

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