



## CAN YOU HELP US?

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### Appeal for witnesses following stabbing Bootle

We are appealing for witnesses after a 23 year-old man was stabbed in Bootle today, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Officers were called to Carlisle Avenue at 4.50pm following reports the man had suffered injuries to his back, chest and hands consistent with a bladed weapon being used. It is believed the incident took place on playing fields off Chester Avenue.

Enquiries are ongoing but it is believed at this stage it was a targeted attack.

The man has been taken to hospital for treatment for his injuries. He is in currently in a stable condition.

An investigation is underway and house-to-house and CCTV enquiries are being carried out in the local area.

Road closures are in place in the surrounding area to allow for an investigation to be carried out.

Detective Inspector Gary Stratton said: “We are looking into the circumstances leading up to this assault and I would appeal for anyone who was in the vicinity of Carlisle Avenue or Chester Avenue between around 4.30pm and 5pm who saw anyone or anything suspicious to contact us as they may have information which is vital to our investigation.

“This was a shocking incident which happened in broad daylight on public playing fields. Families living in the area should not have put up with incidents like these happening on their doorsteps and I want to reassure them that Merseyside Police is committed to finding the person or people responsible and bringing them to justice.

“I would urge the local community to help us to do that by coming forward and assisting us with our enquiries so we can take action and take these people off our streets.”

Anyone with information or could assist the investigation is ask to DM @MerPolCC, call 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 quoting log 618 of 26<sup>th</sup> May.

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If you have any information about a particular appeal, or want to report crime or antisocial behaviour in your area please contact Merseyside Police on Twitter @MerPolCC or call 101. You can also contact @CrimestoppersUK.

Any information no matter how small, will be treated with the utmost confidence and could assist with our investigations.

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