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## Man arrested and weapons seized after Tuebrook stabbing

A man has been arrested and 26 weapons seized by detectives investigating a stabbing in Tuebrook earlier this month.

A report was received at 1.55pm on Saturday 3 August that a 30-year-old man had been stabbed by two males to the torso following an altercation on Rocky Lane.

The victim – who has not assisted police with enquiries - was taken to

hospital and treated for a puncture wound to the abdomen and a laceration to the face. He has since been discharged.

A knife was recovered from Belmont Drive and was seized for forensic examination.

Police believe the incident was a targeted attack.

A 26-year-old man from Anfield has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and released on conditional bail.

Following a search of an address in Anfield, 16 knives were recovered as well as machete, two axes, four swords, a baton, a meat cleaver and a knuckle duster.

Detective Inspector Paul Nilsen said: "This was a shocking incident which happened on a busy road in the middle of the day.

"Those people who engage in this level of violence, and who carry knives, care little for the damage they are doing to our communities, the fear they create or what members of the public might be forced to witness.

"Anyone who brandishes a bladed weapon in public risks ruining not only the life of their victim, but their own life too and is far more likely to become a victim of knife crime themselves.

"Operation Target was set up to tackle serious and violent crime on Merseyside - including knife crime. It is not just about arresting offenders, and taking knives off the streets, it is about educating people on the dangers so they do not pick up a knife in the first place and preventing others from coming to harm.

"We welcome the fact the seizure of these weapons means they cannot be used to cause fear, injury or worse.

"If you have any information on the possession or storage of knives or any weapons, please come forward directly or anonymously and we will remove weapons and people who choose to use them from the streets."

Anyone with information on knife crime is asked to contact Merseyside Police social media desk via Twitter @MerPolCC or Facebook Merseyside Police CC. You can also call 101 or contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or via their online form at: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information>.

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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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