

IN THE CROWN COURT AT SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton Combined Court Centre
The Courts of Justice
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BEFORE:

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE WILLIAM MOUSLEY KC
THE HONORARY RECORDER OF SOUTHAMPTON**

BETWEEN:

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PROSECUTION

- and -

**VICKRUM DIGWA
KIRAN KAUR**

DEFENDANTS

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Witness Evidence of [Witness 7] (Read)

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A **Mr King:** Your Honour, the next statement is that of [Witness 7] at Your Honour's O16. He signs and dates his statement 5 December 2025. He says:

B "I am the above named person and I live at the address provided. I am making this statement to police today as a result of an altercation I witnessed outside my home address a few nights ago.

C On Wednesday 3 December 2025, I was at home when at approximately 11.15pm I heard the start of what sounded like an altercation outside. I was in my bedroom at the front of the house listening to music. What I heard initially was the sound of a disagreement happening outside in the road. After a few minutes, the tones of those in the altercation started to sound aggressive, which caught my attention. At this point I paused my music, which is shown on my music app on my phone as being last played at 11.17pm.

D I continued to listen to the altercation outside, and after a few more seconds, possibly ten to 30 seconds, I then heard the sound of an impact. This, to me, sounded like someone impacting against a fence with some force. It was this sound of impact made me decide to look out.

E I looked out of my bedroom window. It was quite dark, but I could see what looked like two mobile phone torchlights moving around quite erratically. I couldn't see any persons initially due to how dark it was outside. I can see that they are in the open car park area of the care home and these lights are moving in the direction of the wooden fence/bin area.

F The aggressive voices continued. The voices sounded male, and I could hear at least two different voices. I couldn't see anyone, and I didn't know what was happening, but my initial thoughts were that two people were chasing someone else, maybe, although I could not see or hear exactly how many people were outside at this point.

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The lights then started moving out of the car park and out onto the pavement and go up towards the driveway of [REDACTED] Beaumont Drive. It was at this point I decided to move to the bedroom next to mine to try and get a better view. I was out of view on the earshot for about 15 seconds.

B

I got to this bedroom window, which is also at the front of the house, and I opened the window to look out. I could see Number [REDACTED] had a few lights on, and there seemed to be more illumination outside at this time. The aggressive tones had now stopped/gone quiet.

C

My view was partially blocked by some foliage, but I could see two young adult males, and they were stood in the driveway of Number [REDACTED]. I assumed the torches belonged to these two males and assumed they were having an altercation with someone else, but I couldn't see because of the fence. I assumed these two young adult males were together, due to the aggressive voices going quiet and them still being near each other, rather than still arguing. This just made me feel they were together.

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E

At this point the two young males were chatting, and although I couldn't hear all of the words completely, I did hear the words, 'attacked me' and 'he's drunk'. Again, I assumed they were referring to another individual who was out of my sight. The two young males were talking quietly at this point, and the aggressive tone had subsided. The aggressive tone seemed to suddenly have gone from really aggressive to everything being quieter and calm.

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I didn't have my phone with me, and I was debating if I should call the police, but I heard the two young males talking on their phones, and I hear the word 'police' so I assumed they were calling the police. I decided not to call the police, but I did go and get my phone just in case.

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Around this time I also heard another voice coming from the direction of St Denys Road direction into Belmont Road. I then saw a middle aged man wearing a white T-shirt and white shorts walking quickly towards the two young males, and I could hear him talking to them. I can't remember what

specific words he was saying. This male approaches the two young males in the driveway, and they're talking together.

A

The middle aged man remains in the driveway, talking to the young males. It remained calm at this point. Around 30 to 60 seconds later, I then hear a female voice, and see a middle aged woman come from St Denys Road into Belmont Road, and she also approaches them. It was around this time as well that I noted that another language was also being spoken, other than English. The other language was possibly some kind of Pakistani language.

B

The middle aged woman started knocking on the door of Number ■■■, but no one answered initially. A male occupant of Number ■■■ came to the door. From what I could see, they were a bit hesitant, as they didn't open the door fully initially, but then did fully open the door. I got the impression this resident was unsure. I saw this resident look towards the fence, and he seemed concerned, but I could not see what was on the other side of the fence.

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During this time, at some point, I had gone to get my phone in case I did need to call them, but it seemed to be calm, and as the resident had been out, and I heard the word police, I decided at this time still not to call the police.

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The next thing I was aware of was police then starting to arrive in the road. This was around 11.36pm, as I took a picture on my mobile phone of a police car arriving, so that I would have a record of the time. After this, more police cars arrived, and then an ambulance arrived too, around ten minutes later at 11.45pm. I took a [photo, sorry, I took a] picture of this also on my phone, so I'd remember the time.

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Whilst I was outside, I was waiting at the edge of the car park. After police had taken my details, the middle aged man in white clothing asked me, 'did you see it?' I told him that I heard something, but it was too dark to see any figures. I just told him what I heard and seen, and then the conversation ended, as I think he was more concerned with the middle aged woman and two young males. I wondered if they were family members.

H

A I could hear the middle aged woman was in quite a lot of distress, and was moving around quite a bit. She also asked me if I'd seen it, and I told her the same thing. It was at this point that the woman told me, 'this person, he attacked my son.' I asked if they knew what had happened, but they were more concerned with the two young males than speaking with police, so I didn't ask or speak to them anymore. I did not see or hear anything else between the males from this point, and police were dealing with everything.

B

C The two young males that I saw in my view, on and off, and obscured by the darkness and foliage. Throughout the incident, I did see them illuminated at times, and when I went outside, I saw them being spoken to by police officers. They both looked to be of Indian ethnicity. I'm not sure what they were wearing, but one of them was wearing all dark clothing, long sleeve jacket and trousers. The other young male was in trousers and long sleeve top too, but I cannot remember anything else. The two young males looked to be in their late teens or early twenties.

D

E The middle aged man also appeared to be of Indian ethnicity, and his hair came across as Sikh to me. He was wearing a white top and white shorts. I would recognise him again. He had very distinctive hair, as if it was white and it looked long, and it had been styled neatly on top of his head, as if he would usually wear a turban.

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G The middle aged woman also appeared to be of Indian ethnicity. She had a short sleeved top and red sari/sash type garment across her body. I think I would recognise her again. They were all of Indian appearing ethnicity, and I assumed they were all part of the same Sikh family. I felt like the middle aged woman was the mum of the family.

H While they were all outside, I saw one of the young males being taken to the police van and being patted down by officers. I saw the middle aged woman very distressed and going towards [his male and a,] this male and a female officer trying to stop her, and saying that she can't, and discouraging her from going towards the young male.

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The whole incident lasted for approximately 20 minutes, from when I [first, when I] heard the first altercation to when the first police car arrived. The altercation itself lasted no more than a minute. This was from when I heard the first sounds of a disagreement, to it escalating to very aggressive tones, to it all going quiet and being in the driveway of Number [REDACTED]

B

The incident happened on the opposite side of the road to my house. I would say it's approximately 30 to 40 metres away from me. It was very dark outside, and street lighting was at a minimum. There was partial lighting during part of the incident. My view was also obscured by foliage straight trees outside my address. The persons involved that I saw throughout the incident, the two young males, the middle aged woman, and man, are not known to me."

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And that concludes his statement.

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