

Case Study

FEED 1

Detective Sergeant Aleksander Nowak and his team have been investigating a serious assault that took place 4 weeks on a Thursday outside The Royal Oak Public House, Bedworth.

The victim: Charlie Gough b. 26.8.1999 of 64, Derwent Close, Bedworth.

The alleged offender: Ricky Malone b. 6.9.1989 of No fixed abode. He is part of the travelling community, but has a family address at 22, Lower Bath Street, Northampton.

During the attack Gough sustained a stab wound to his abdomen, he spent a week in intensive care following a series of operations. He was discharged from hospital a week ago.

Gough did not know the identity of his attackers. He had been drinking in the pub earlier that evening and he started speaking to a woman at the bar. Afterwards she glanced over at him and he returned a smile, she was in the company of another male, who has since been identified as Malone.

Gough left the public house at 2300hrs, he was then approached by Malone and another male, who has not been identified. Gough was asked by Malone if he fancied his girlfriend, he said that he didn't and he was sorry for smiling at her.

Malone said, "What do you mean you don't fancy my girlfriend, she is not good enough for ya. You looked like you fancied her". Malone then produced a knife from his pocket and lunged forward, Gough could not get out of the way and he was stabbed in the abdomen. He started to run away and then realised that he was seriously injured and he fell to the floor when a friend came to his aid.

Malone and the other unknown male ran from the scene.

There was CCTV in the public house but not outside where the attack occurred. The identification of Malone relied upon the witness evidence of Susan Jones. She had been present in the public house and later saw the incident outside. She knew Malone from working in the same public house behind the bar, on this particular night she had not been working. She also identified Malone on an ID procedure.

Malone is currently charged with the offence of a section 18 wounding/possession of a bladed article and is on remand at HMP Birmingham.

You have been given the following information linked to this case.

Intelligence Report

Dated: Today

Source Evaluation: 1 - Reliable

Information/Intelligence Assessment: B. Known indirectly to the source but corroborated

Handling: P - Lawful sharing permitted with conditions A3

Susan Jones was witness to a serious assault in Bedworth.

Intelligence suggests that enquiries have been made on behalf of the suspect Malone to find Jones. Malone has given this instruction from HMP Birmingham.

A financial offer for her to withdraw her evidence will be made.

There will be consequences for her if she does not accept the offer. Intelligence suggests that Malone is prepared to enforce these demands by threats of violence to the children of witness Susan Jones.

Susan Jones has also received a spent bullet cartridge through her letterbox.

At this time, the person who has been tasked with approaching Jones is not known.

They know that she lives with her two children at 118, Tintern Way, Bedworth. Jones' has two daughters aged 7 years and 9 years.

Jones' does have family living close by in Bedworth, but intelligence suggests that family may also be known to Malone's associates.

Task A

In your syndicates, assess the risks and threats that are now apparent. Outline your initial priority considerations.

Nominate a lead and present your assessment and considerations to the class.

You have 30 minutes to complete your deliberations