

Dog Control – Victim Statement of Incident

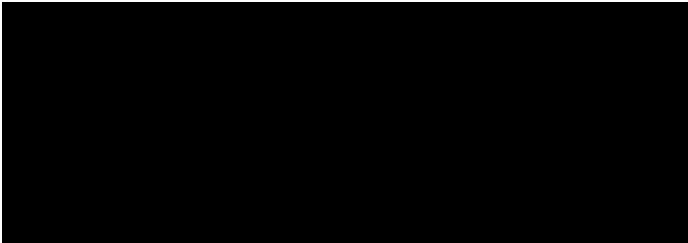
Incident: Person Attacked

Date statement taken: 07/02/2023

Place statement taken: The Strand extension – Oscar & Otto Restaurant

Officer details: Kiran Erasmus

Victims Full Name: James Milton Hickey



I am speaking to (Victim) James Hickey About an incident that occurred about a year ago – January 2022 in the late afternoon outside No. 12 Jacob Street on the road as there is not footpath.

Please describe the incident from start to finish...

So, I had literally set off for a walk. Put my earphones in and there was music playing. This blocked out background noise. I got to the section of the road outside their driveway. Looking ahead and then through the music I heard significant barking and a blur of movement to my left and I realised the dog was right there and it had come screaming down the driveway and before I had time to react pretty much, it had latched onto my left leg round the calf height. Denese was there and she quickly followed the dog (which was not on a lead) and she (combination of me kicking the dog off) telling to get off. It did stop biting me. I was shocked and angry, and I did give her an earful – alone the lines of this are unbelievable and unacceptable. Denese was very apologetic. I stormed off. I looked down afterwards and it had drawn blood. Not a huge amount and there were two puncture wounds. These concerned me as I thought I would need a tetanus shot. When I got back, I called my doctor and explained what had happened. I was up to date with my shots and did not feel like the wound need attending. I was told to monitor by the doctor's room.

The dog has lunged at me on two other occasions, but thankfully it was on a lead. I've seen lunge at a neighbour's dog and a child. All these occasions it has been on a leash.

I did not report the incident because Denese was so apologetic and because they have been good neighbours to me, and I gave them the benefit of the doubt. I'll talking now because since I've heard about nine other incidences.

This statement is true and correct, I have nothing further to add at this time.

Full Name: James Hickey

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Hickey".

• Date: 07/02/2023