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A message from Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer



Racism and discrimination undermine our common humanity and are not acceptable



The death of George Floyd has left his family, loved ones and friends devastated and heartbroken. Communities in the United States, here in the United Kingdom and across the world are angry and outraged. For some members of our community, those feelings will also be heightened as they perceive they are not wanted or safe in the places where they live and raise their families.

Our experiences here in Cornwall and Devon during the early stages of Covid-19 saw communities come together to find the positives from tragedy, to reach out to each other and challenge negative behaviour. Sadly, we also saw abusive and negative attitudes in some parts of this force area which was challenged by a coalition of partners, including this force.

This is a time for communities and individuals to overtly speak out in support of those from Black and Ethnic Minority communities, to reaffirm our collective rejection of racism and hate.

Throughout our policing of Covid-19, I have stressed the importance of community and working with our partners and individuals to ensure that the legitimacy of policing is maintained. The principles of neighbourhood policing were first established in this force by Chief Constable John Alderson and have been a golden thread of our policing style ever since. That is why, collectively as a force, we align ourselves with those who wish to express their feelings and community intention in a peaceful but clear manner.

As a force, we ask that anyone organising a vigil or demonstration contact us in order that we can help facilitate that expression of feeling, which occurs at a time of a public health crisis. I believe it essential that the core message of standing up against hate and racism does not become lost by behaviours that may be commented upon in respect of Covid-19, when such a tragic and significant moment has affected so many people in this country and worldwide.

Racism and all forms of discrimination undermine our common humanity and are not acceptable in any civilised society. As a force, that is our approach yet we understand that we are not perfect and have always sought to listen and learn from experiences as well as the views of all our communities.

Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer

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Anti-social behaviour, Truro

Police appeal for public support in crime crack-down

Police in Truro are calling on the public to support their efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour and other crimes in the town.

Officers are particularly appealing for people to contact them with CCTV or mobile phone footage of incidents.

Police are investigating a number of incidents over the last few weeks including knife-point street robberies, assaults, shoplifting, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

The incidents involve what is believed to be the same group of youths, both male and female, aged between 14 and 18 years old.

Police were called to Cornish Crescent at around 9.30pm on Wednesday 3 June with reports that a 19-year-old man was being attacked by a group of around 15 youths, armed with weapons and throwing rocks.

Anyone with information is asked to contact officers quoting CR04436320.

Police are also investigating an incident of theft and criminal damage at Truro Rugby and Football Club, which is being used as a covid-19 test centre for the community.

The incident occurred near 10:00 on Wednesday 3 June in Truro on 2 June 2020

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