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PRESS RELEASE

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Police today released responses to some commonly asked questions from the media:

After being convicted of theft in 1990, Bird made contact with police on several occasions. In 2008 he reported criminal damage to his taxi, which was detected. In 2007 he was the victim of assault, which was detected. In 2002 he made a complaint of assault, which was withdrawn. In 1999 he reported taxi passengers ran off without payment, which was detected. In 1998 he reported theft from his taxi, which was undetected.

There is damage to the Citroen Picasso that Bird drove when the killings were underway. Police are appealing for anyone that may have witnessed, or been involved in, a collision with the vehicle on or before Wednesday 2nd June to contact us.

The weapons seized by police were lawfully held by Bird and officers are not looking for any further weapons at this time.

Forensic and ballistic investigations are continuing at crime scenes, at Bird's home and in his vehicle.

While we continue to investigate these issues, we may never fully understand what could have drive Bird to commit such atrocities as he is no longer here to answer our questions.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact Cumbria Police on 0845 33 00 247.

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