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PRESS UPDATE

Issued at 12.38pm on Wednesday 2 June 2010

Police have released a photograph of the man they are searching for in connection with shootings across West Cumbria.

Fifty-two year old Derrick Bird, of Rowrah near Frizington, is believed to be driving a dark grey/silver Citroen Picasso registration ND55 ZFC involved in shooting incidents in Whitehaven, Egremont and Seascale areas.

Police are asking if members of the public see Derrick Bird, or his vehicle to contact them immediately on 999. Do not approach him.

He was last seen heading south in the Central Lakes direction. He may have abandoned the car and be proceeding on foot. Armed police are currently working to apprehend him and advising members of the public in West and Central Lakes areas to go indoors and stay there until further notice.

We can confirm that a number of people have been injured after shots were fired in the Whitehaven, Seascale and Egremont areas this morning. There are a number of fatalities and police are working to identify the individuals and inform relatives.

Ambulance crews are in attendance across the area.

A police search was launched at 10:35am this morning after shots were fired in Duke Street in Whitehaven, the search has now extended to the Ambleside, Coniston and central lakes areas so police are urging all members of the public in these areas and across the West Lakes area from Whitehaven to Ravenglass to go indoors and stay there until further notice.

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