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**PRESS RELEASE**

Issued at 12pm on Wednesday 2 June 2010

Police can confirm that a number of people have been injured after shots were fired in the Whitehaven, Seascale and Egremont areas this morning. Ambulance crews are in attendance across the area.

Armed police are in attendance and working to apprehend a man who is believed to be involved described as in his thirties with a shaven head driving a dark grey/silver Citroen Picasso registration ND55 ZFC. Police are asking if members of the public see the vehicle to contact them immediately on 999.

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 Egremont and Seascale 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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