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PRESS RELEASE

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Police are continuing to work with the North West Ambulance Service and the NHS to identify how many people have been injured in West Cumbria this morning following shooting incidents across the area.

Our information at present indicates there are at least 25 people injured. Initial indications also suggest at least five people have died. Police are now working to identify those who have died and inform immediate family.

A full investigation is underway and as part of this police are appealing for members of the public with friends and family in the West Cumbria area to ensure they are safe and well. If you cannot make contact with relatives, or you are not sure if they are safe, please contact the police helpline number on 0800 0960095.

Our focus is now on the movements of Mr Bird this morning and we are asking for any witnesses or anyone with information to come forward and help us with our investigation.

If you saw Derrick Bird, or his grey/silver Citroen Picasso registration ND55 ZFC in the last 24 hours, we would urge you to contact us on 0845 33 00 247.

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Notes to Editors

Police Press Office is organising a press conference at the scene in Duke Street, Whitehaven, at 5pm today. Further details of this will be emailed out soon.