Edwards, Jonathon

From:

Sent:

04 October 2021 10:42

To: Subject: Rackley, Shaun Re: Email statement

Hi Sean

As a scouting leader using Easter Field Lane and the Torbay district camp site is a regular occurrence for myself and for hundreds of local children throughout the year, thousands of children throughout the summer. On Saturday evening it was necessary to use the lane for the purposes of moving children late at night 11pm ish as there was A problem with Southwest water and no water supply to the campsite, It was necessary to use the scout minibuses and leaders cars to move the children round about 11 o'clock at night to a suitable Scouting location/venue, allowing the young people to carry on their scouting activities for the weekend.

At the top gate of the campsite I was met by a taxi parked up with a lit top sign on (Hackney carriage) A dark-coloured vehicle with door plates on of 292292- surprisingly to me all the interior lights of the Hackney carriage were on, with all car headlights lit up illuminating the area, there was a man and a lady completely naked carrying out sexual acts. I had no choice at this particular point but to commit to driving past the license vehicle of Torbay Council, with lewd acts taking place with a minibus full of children looking on to see what was happening outside the window, with all the lights on in such a dark lane!

Whilst I have no personal malice for the driver I think that the location was completely inappropriate outside a children's campsite, the plate on the rear of the vehicle was a blue Hackney carriage Torbay Council plate of I will forward to you shortly a photo that I took on the second leg of the journey, as two journeys were needed with a 17 seater minibus and leaders cars, however, the Hackney carriage was still in attendance, Although at this point the lady had returned to the front seat, dressed herself, and was looking somewhat sheepish, the male driver had also returned to the front seat, now clothed.

As the young people and adults within scouting were talking about this as a conversational piece, I would like a written response back from the council as to what has happened in making sure that this is not likely to happen again. This I can then take back to the parents to assure them that the council are listening to the people of Torbay.

Best wishes

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On 4 Oct 2021, at 10:15, Rackley, Shaun <Shaun.Rackley@torbay.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi 💮

Please reply to me at this email address with all the details and I will pick the matter up.

Thanks

Shaun

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