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Local Traffic Warden Hurt As Youths Throw Bottle

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said he was outraged to learn that a young man had thrown a beer bottle filled with sand from a vehicle that had hit a Traffic Guard on the head who was working outside a local school.

"This is a terrible act and whoever did it should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves," said Dr Nahan.

"The Traffic Guard was performing a much needed service to help young students get across the road and safely to school. To be injured while doing such an important community service is appalling."

Dr Nahan said the incident happened on Monday 4 April at 8.45am in Rostrata Avenue outside Rostrata Primary School.

"The Traffic Guard, Mr Peter Judge, received a nasty cut on the head and whiplash from the blow that virtually knocked him off his feet," said Dr Nahan.

"This is a very busy location and often more than 400 vehicles come past when Mr Judge is on duty. I am particularly concerned that the stubby beer bottle that was thrown had been filled with sand indicating that this could have been a planned attack."

"It was thrown from a dark blue four-door sedan that had four young men in it. If anyone knows anything about this incident, they should call Crime Stoppers immediately on 1800 333 000. Any snippets of information can be used by the police to help catch these people."

Dr Nahan said Mr Judge has worked to help young students to safely cross busy roads for more than 13 years.

"For many years, Mr Judge was an area supervisor and trainer of traffic wardens but after a health scare, he returned to be a traffic warden himself. He has been working at Rostrata Primary School since 2005 and he is very popular with the students and staff at the school," said Dr Nahan.

"People like Mr Judge, who are working to protect our local children, should be applauded for the invaluable work that they do. I call on the community to come forward to help the police if they know who might have been involved in this despicable act before someone else is seriously injured."

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