

Teen's threats at rail station

by Mike Wright

A teenage labourer drunkenly threatened and pushed a man outside Aldershot railway station because he claimed he saw him abusing a female, a court heard.

Aston White insulted the man's family and pushed him to try to stop him from behaving badly towards the female he was with, Aldershot Magistrates' Court heard.

The 19-year-old, of Highfield Close, Aldershot, admitted using threatening words and behaviour.

However, the court heard differing accounts of the incident.

Prosecuting, Serena Edwards said the victim had been for a night out with friends in Aldershot and had become separated from the group.

She said he had gone to Aldershot railway station with a female friend to get a taxi and while they were waiting a car pulled up and White and another

man got out. The magistrates heard that White then approached the victim and was acting in an aggressive manner.

The court was told that the victim spoke to White in a calm manner and his female friend took the opportunity to walk away.

The bench heard that White then tried to rile the victim by pushing him and saying rude things about his family and mother.

Miss Edwards told the magistrates that the victim said he had never seen White before and throughout the abuse he remained passive as he was concerned for his safety.

She said that eventually White left the victim alone.

Fiona Taylor, defending, asked the bench to give her client credit for his early guilty plea.

She said White admitted that he was drunk at the time of the incident but said the female, who was with the victim, was his friend's girlfriend.

The court heard that White disputed the victim's account of events that he arrived in a car and said that he and his friend had been walking back from town.

Miss Taylor said that White had seen the victim being abusive to the female and had gone over to dissuade him from doing this in a public place.

She said that White accepted that he had tried to wind up the victim but said that he pushed him because the victim slapped him in the face.

Miss Taylor said White had recently been experiencing some pressure at home as his father had had an operation for back problems and his grandmother had just come out of hospital.

Court chairman Sue Rorie sentenced White to a 12-month community order and 60 hours of unpaid work, which had been reduced from 90 hours because of his early guilty plea.

White was also ordered to pay £70 court costs.

Highlighting rare condition

When Liz and John Dale found out they were expecting their first child, they thought they were going to have a bouncing bundle of joy with rosy cheeks and soft pinky skin. But a day after Ellamay was born her skin started to "peel like a snake".

The couple, of Manor Way, Bagshot, turned to doctors for help and answers.

But the professionals were stumped and it was only after a trip to Great Ormond Street Hospital a few months later that Ellamay was diagnosed with non-bullous congenital ichthyosiform erythroderma (NCIE).

Only one in 300,000 children are born with the genetic condition, which forces the skin to scale and flake away.

Ellamay has a mild form of NCIE but it still causes her pain, Mrs Dale said. She will have it for the rest of her life.

As a result of her dry and hard skin, Ellamay cannot sweat, which leads to her body becoming too hot.

She has to be covered in cream to keep her skin hydrated and Mr and Mrs Dale take a spray bottle



Yvonne Peet, left, Ellamay, John Dale, Liz Dale and Richard Peet.

of water wherever they go.

Mrs Dale, a psychiatric nurse, described it as Ellamay looking "sunburnt", which has led to nasty comments being made in public.

Mrs Dale has started an awareness programme at Little Grove Pre-school in Bagshot, which Ellamay attends.

She has sent a flyer to parents, explaining her daughter's condition and intends to do the same thing whenever Ellamay starts a new school.

Ellamay's grandmother,

Yvonne Peet, said the four-year-old copes with the condition like a grown-up.

Mrs Peet, of Hawkes Leap, Windlesham, said: "Her skin tends to come off in quite big lumps at the moment but she deals with it really well. She doesn't cry and it doesn't get her down."

Ellamay and her family will be taking part in the British Skin Foundation's Walk for Skin event on May 10. To sponsor Ellamay and her family visit www.justgiving.com/ellamaydale.

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