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INCIDENT UPDATE

MURDER INVESTIGATION – READING

Counter Terrorism Policing can now confirm that the stabbing incident that happened in Reading last night (Saturday, June 20), has now been declared a terrorist incident.

Officers from Counter Terrorism Policing South East (CTPSE) have been working closely with Thames Valley Police’s Major Crime Department throughout the night.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Dean Haydon, Senior National Coordinator for the Counter Terrorism Policing network, has this morning declared the incident a terrorist incident, and CTPSE will be taking over the investigation.

A 25-year-old man who was arrested on suspicion of murder last night, remains in police custody at this time.

Chief Constable John Campbell of Thames Valley Police said: “I am deeply saddened by the events of last night.

“This was a truly tragic incident and the thoughts of Thames Valley Police are with all those who have been affected.

“Incidents of this nature are very rare, though I know that will be of little comfort to those involved and understand the concern that this incident will have caused amongst the local community.

“We will be working closely with our partners over the coming days and weeks to support the Reading community during this time, as well as with CTPSE as they progress their investigation.

“Police cordons continue to be in place and are likely to be for some time as CTPSE work further to investigate this incident and establish exactly what happened.

“I would urge the public to avoid the area at this time and thank the community for their patience. We will let you know as soon as the area is back open

“I would also ask that the public avoid speculation.

“We would like to hear from anyone who has video footage. Out of respect for those deceased and injured, along with their loved ones, please do not circulate this footage on social media – this will be incredibly distressing.

“If you have any information about this incident, please contact us on 101 quoting reference 1159 20/6.”

Counter Terrorism Policing will make a further statement later today.

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Remain vigilant

Our advice is that the public should remain vigilant at all times and report any concerns, in confidence, to the police. You can report online at [gov.uk/ACT](https://www.gov.uk/ACT) or call the hotline on 0800 789 321.

If there is an immediate risk always call 999.

RUN, HIDE, TELL

In the rare event of being caught up in a firearms or weapon attack, our advice is [Run Hide Tell](#).

NaCTSO Crowded Places Guidance

The UK faces a real threat from terrorism and crowded places do remain a target. Crowded places include areas which are easily accessible to the public and attractive to terrorists. [The NaCTSO Crowded Places guidance](#) is written to help those charged with security at these locations mitigate the threat and help make the UK less vulnerable to an attack.

If you have specific concerns about potential terrorist activity, you can get in touch with us via [gov.uk/act](https://www.gov.uk/act).

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