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PRESS RELEASE

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Police investigating the fatal shootings in West Cumbria have released details of where they believe shots were fired to help encourage witnesses to come forward.

Below is a list of locations where police believe shots were fired and where people were believed to have been killed:

(Note: This list is not in chronological order as police are currently working to establish exact timings of each incident)

- Duke Street, Whitehaven - shots fired and a man killed
- Orgill, Haggard End, Egremont - shots fired and one person killed
- Town End Farm, Wilton - a man and a woman were killed after shots fired
- Woodbank, Egremont - shots discharged
- Bridge End, Egremont - shots fired and one person killed
- Coach Road, Whitehaven - shots fired
- Scotch Street, Whitehaven - shots fired
- Gosforth, Red Admiral - shots fired and one man killed
- Seascale Railway Station - shots fired
- Yeat House Road, Frizington - 60-year-old Kevin Joseph Commons found dead on driveway of his home suffering shotgun wounds.
- Shaw Road, Drigg - shots fired
- Between Hale and Egremont near Carleton Wood - shots fired and one man killed
- Drigg Road, Seascale - shots fired and one man and one woman killed
- Gosforth Road, Seascale - shots fired and one man killed
- Unident, Seascale - shots fired
- High Trees, Lamplugh - shots fired and one man killed
- Eskdale Green - shots fired
- Outside Hollins Cottage Camp Site - shots fired
- Wooded area in Boot - Derrick Bird found dead

In total 13 people were killed including the offender Derrick Bird and 11 others were injured. We have now concluded a 150 km land and air search of the known and possible routes he could have used and as a result we are not expecting to find any further victims.

Of those who were injured seven remain in hospital in Cumbria, three are described as stable and four are comfortable. One person is still being treated in hospital in Newcastle and are described as stable.

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Officers are now working to establish exact timings of shootings and piecing together the precise sequence of events and Mr Bird's movements in the run up to and during the incidents.

Our priority is now on formally identifying the people who have died, informing family members and supporting them alongside those who are injured. Helping and supporting the many families effected by this tragedy as of the utmost importance to us so we have committed more than thirty Family Liaison Officers who will be dedicated to the victims and their close relatives.

The focus of the 100 strong squad of detectives investigating the incident is firmly on finding out why someone would want to take so many lives in such a short space of time. Officers and staff are conducting forensic evidential searches and tests across the area at each location.

Information from the public and witnesses will be vital to our full and thorough investigation so officers are appealing for anyone who thinks they may have seen or heard anything which could help them with their enquiries to call them on the Police Helpline number: 0800 096 0095.