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Dear Colleagues,

Southport Tragedy

It is with great sadness that we are writing to advise Branches that tragically CWU member David Stancombe of the North Lancs and Cumbria Branch lost his daughter Elsie Dot in the heinous attack in Southport on Monday 29th July.

The CWU and Royal Mail are supporting our member and his family at this heartbreaking time and we wish to give particular thanks to the North Lancs and Cumbria Branch, North West region and North Wales/North West division for their efforts in this regard.

Below are two statements, one from the national union and the other from the North West Region and North Wales/North West Division.

This is an unprecedented tragedy. We are sure that the whole union would want to express their heartfelt condolences to David and his family at this heartbreaking time.

It is with deepest regret that we inform you that postal worker and CWU member David Stancombe from Southport Delivery Office lost his beautiful daughter Elsie Dot in the evil and appalling attack in the town on Monday 29th July.

The CWU and Royal Mail are doing everything possible to support our member and his family at this heartbreaking time.

The North West Region and North Wales/North West Division have also issued the following statement:

The CWU Northwest community is deeply saddened to hear that one of our members, David Stancombe, has lost his daughter in the appalling attack in Southport. We know that all our members and the wider Labour movement will join us in sending our heartfelt condolences to him and his family and all those lucky enough to know Elsie Dot. It's impossible to understand how and why this happened, but we will continue to do all we can to assist the North Lancs and Cumbria Branch in supporting the family and wider community through this devastating time.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Ward
General Secretary

Martin Walsh
Deputy General Secretary (Postal)