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Girl's attacker put to flight

'HAVE A GO' PUB TRIO TO RESCUE

A LITTLE girl's screams set off a chase through Rochdale Town Centre on Wednesday, when a pub landlady and two customers "had a go" at catching the child's attacker.

They scared him off but lost him in the crowded market area.



MRS AUDREY FALLOWS — Spotted the attacker. (86137)

Man fined for attack

A WOMAN was indecently assaulted as she waited for a bus, at Tonge Lane, Whitworth, Mr Peter Roberts, prosecuting, told Rossendale magistrates on Monday.

Her attacker, Derek Howarth, aged 20, of Grange Road, Whitworth, admitted the offence and was fined £100 and ordered to pay £25 costs.

In a police statement, Howarth said he had been affected by drink and remembered little of what had happened.

The girl, aged 10, fled into the arms of passers-by in Whitworth Road.

Mrs Audrey Fallows of the Tanners Arms, Whitworth Road, heard screams as the girl was assaulted on waste ground near the pub.

Mrs Fallows, was hanging out the washing. She said: "At first, I thought it was children playing. Then I realised it was something serious.

"I dashed upstairs for some binoculars."

She had scarcely focussed on the assailant before he spotted her, clambered over a fence and fled towards Yorkshire Street.

20-yard gap

She raised the alarm and two customers, Mr William Fish and Mr Denis Devonport, gave chase.

Mrs Fallows said: "I ran out myself but he was a young lad and we could not catch him. Bill Fish got within 20 yards of him, but it was market day and he disappeared in the crowds."

A motorist who saw the chase described the assailant to police.

Police say he was white, aged 17-19, with black, collar-length "Afro"-style hair. He was about 5ft 7in and wore a green parka jacket with a fur hood and blue jeans.



THE morning after their arrival from Pakistan, Mrs Anwar Ditta's three children were playing on a climbing frame in bright sunshine.

Kamran, 10, Imran, eight, and Saima, seven, followed sister Samera, aged five, from their Crawford Street home to an adventure playground.

The brothers and sisters played together as if they had never been parted.

'Bitter' about sacking

AFTER his 10,000 mile return trip to Lahore, Mr Shuja Uddin faces another long journey ... in search of work.

Heap Dawson Ltd, Heat Exchange Manufacturers, Oldham Road, Rochdale, sacked Mr Uddin for taking time off work to bring his children home.

He had worked as a welder for the firm for two years and had been in full time employment for almost nine years since arriving in Rochdale.

Mr Uddin said he was bitter about Heap Dawson's decision.

The firm was still unwilling to talk about the sacking on Thursday. A spokesman said

PLAYTIME for the Ditta children, Saima, Imran, Kamran, Samera, at an adventure playground near Crawford Street. Mr Shuja Uddin keeps a watchful eye on their antics. (86036)

Samera had not seen her two brothers and sister until Tuesday, when the family was reunited at Manchester Airport after a six-year separation.

Although Samera speaks little Urdu, she can understand her brothers and sister and already the three newcomers are picking up some English.

After Easter, the children will attend Lowerplace Primary school.

the matter was "entirely in the hands of Mr Heap who would remain unavailable for comment."

But one of Mr Uddin's workmates said that his sacking was "diabolical."

"Someone had to go and get the children and in my opinion it should have been the father," he said.

Jewel theft

THIEVES stole £1,000 worth of jewellery from a house in Marland Old Road, Rochdale, on Wednesday.

Insured?

OVERNIGHT raiders stole a tape recorder worth £50 from Pearl Insurance offices, Drake Street, Rochdale on Monday.

the children hangs on a wall and there are balloons, tinsel and streamer decorations.

A beaming Mrs Ditta watched the children at play and said: "It is wonderful to have them home."

There is still a party-like atmosphere at their home.

A scarlet banner emblazoned with the names of

Congratulation cards have been pouring in from all over the world.

The card which most touched Mrs Ditta was sent by an anonymous Rochdale pensioner, who enclosed a pound note for the defence committee.

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