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In the first week of November 2000 I was assaulted by Francis Oerlemans on Prees Heath Common, the events which led up to the assault are as follows,

As usual I had walked my dog on the common in the morning, having left my vehicle parked just inside the gateway on the drive of the common, I was making my way back to my vehicle and was within approximately 50-60ft of it when a light coloured four wheel drive vehicle stopped on the drive. As my dog was not on his lead at the time I took little notice of the vehicle and concentrated on my dog, whom I was about to call, attach his lead and walk across to my car. I then heard a very loud hostile voice telling me in no uncertain terms to remove myself and my vehicle off the drive as it was private property. I was taken aback by the hostile attitude as I was not aware that the drive or land was privately owned. I replied that as Mrs Oerlemans could see I was on my way back to my vehicle even before she stopped on the drive. I was then subjected to a tirade of abuse which was completely unprovoked, she proceeded to walk towards me shouting "you will move your f----- car now you f----- bitch, this is from a woman who I have never met before in my life. By this time she had reached where I was standing and was continuing to hurl abuse at me, she then proceeded to slap me across the face and kick me on the leg. I was utterly shocked at her attitude, level of abuse and how she had gone completely berserk, in a situation that was in no way at all provoked.

She continued to shout and swear for the next ten minutes or so, constantly calling me a f----- bitch at the top of her voice and that I was no better than the gipsies coming on here and damaging my f----- drive which costs £2,500 per year to maintain.

I stated to her that I was unaware of the drive being privately owned and that I had in no way damaged it but she continued over my words to hurl abuse.

She stood over me whilst I put my dog in to my car, still calling me a f----- bitch and dont f----- come on here again or "you will be sorry". I got in to my car and drove off leaving Mrs Oerlemans still standing on the drive.

I was so totally shocked at what had just happened to me, my first action was to ring the police when I got home. It was almost evening when a policeman arrived. I gave a full account of what had happened, the policeman then went on to Mrs Oerlemans house. He came back to my home after some time and explained that she had denied any involvement in the incident, and I was told that as there were no witnesses to the assault I couldnt take it any further with the police. I was advised by the officer that it would be better if I walked my dog elsewhere as Mrs Oerlemans did seem rather prone to a slight temper, this I found rather unfair as I had just been going about my business hurting no-one and at the end of the day it was me who had been assaulted.

I can truly only describe Mrs Oerlemans as a nasty unbalanced person, with no control over herself or her temper at all.

Being a regular visitor to Prees Heath Common with my dog and knowing the amount of people of all ages that exercise their dogs also on the common I was rather worried that an elderly person would suffer the same treatment as myself at the hands of Mrs Oerlemans, only they may not be fit enough to sustain the abuse both mentally and physically.

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