

Safer Communities Torbay 'It's Your Choice' film

VO = Joshua – victim of the crime

Green text = positive outcome

Blue text = negative outcome

VO: It was last Saturday it happened

VO: I was just down the park with my friends Callum and Daniel

GRAPHICS: What follows is based on real events...

VO: My Mum had got me a new phone, it was one of those touch screen ones, the Apple one and it was really good and really expensive. We were just sitting there looking at it and what it could do and stuff

VO: There were some people over in the next bench. I don't know their names but I've seen my cousin Leanne hanging out with one of the girls

VO: They were kicking around tins and that

VO: They came over and one of the girls was filming us on her phone and they started having a go
voices of gang - boy "mmm mate that's a nice phone" "break it" etc

VO: And then one of them just took my phone and they started pushing us around and stuff
voices of gang – girl "that is a nice phone"

VO: It all happened really quickly, they were all round us and they were laughing
voice of gang - boy "shut up!"

VO: And this girl stuck her phone right in my face
voice of friend – "just give it back to him!"

VO: I was really scared
voice of friend – "give it back to him!"

voice of gang - boy "stop it now"

VO: Then the boy who got my phone, he chucked it on the floor and stamped on it
voices of gang - "oohhh"

voice of gang boy - "ohh, sorry"

VO: And then they just walked off
voices of gang girls laughing

VO: We didn't really say much, I think we were just a bit shocked or something. We all went home.

VO: I was just really worried about my mum being angry about the phone

Mum - "hello love"

VO: But she wasn't

Mum - "what's the matter?"

VO: My brother was there when I got in. He asked what had happened.

Brother – "you alright mate? What's happened to you?"

VO: He got really angry

Brother - "come in then now, who's done this?"

VO: She wanted to ring the police. I didn't want her to because Leanne's friend with the phone, I'm sure she recognised me

Mum - "hello yes, I'd like to report a crime, my..."

VO: and I didn't want them to think I was a grass or something

Mum - "and he's had his phone taken and stamped on..."

VO: But Mum said she had to do the right thing and it was a crime and you had to report crimes so she rang the police

Mum - "to send somebody"

VO: So he rang up his mate

Brother - "you alright mate, yeah Sean, yeah it's me. I need your help mate, someone's ruffed up my brother pretty bad"

VO: And told them to come around quick

VO: The police sent someone round and I just told them what happened

Joshua - "well I was in the park with my friends just looking at my new phone and showing them what it could and then they just..."

Brother - "just get back in the house now Josh, we'll sort this"

VO: Then my brother just ran off down the road with his mate and told me to stay at home

Police officer - "it's not going to be easy, it's not an easy process and I know it's going to be emotionally very difficult for you"

VO: Anyway there's a thing called restorative justice and the police woman went off and got the boy who did it. They'd seen it all on CCTV and they brought him and his Dad round and got me to say how I felt

Police officer - "Josh can you just explain to us what exactly happened and how it made you feel"

VO: I told him I really felt scared. I also just really wanted a new phone. He said he was sorry, he didn't realise how it would make me feel and he's going to give me the money for a new phone

Mum - "you OK?"

Josh - "yeah"

VO: I don't know what happened but the next thing we know the police ring and ask us to come down to the station, 'cause they've got my brother there and he's been arrested

Police officer - "open your mouth"

VO: I wish he hadn't done it, he's just made it all much worse now. Mum's really worried.

VO: I wish he hadn't done it

GRAPHIC:

It's Your Choice
If you're the victim of crime, report it
It can stop here