

Left traumatised, the mum-to-be repeatedly punched in the belly



1 Danger: Following his victim into the alley

By **Amelia Clarke**
and **Elliot Mulligan**

A PREGNANT woman was viciously attacked by a man who forced a hood over her head and repeatedly punched her in the stomach.

In what is believed to be an anti-Semitic assault, the thug stalked his Jewish victim for at least 20 minutes before pouncing. Shomrim, a neighbourhood watch group organised by members of the Jewish community, captured the shocking incident on CCTV in Stamford Hill, north London.

Rabbi Herschel Gluck, president of the group, said: 'The assailant was aware the woman was heavily pregnant and nevertheless tried to garrotte her and kill her. And when she started screaming, he sexually assaulted her.'

'He then took off her wig and her hat – clearly a sign of an anti-Semitic attack. The woman had been followed for over a mile. [She] is deeply traumatised, she has never experienced anything like this before.'

The horrifying footage, posted



3 Sickening: The thug punches the 20-year-old repeatedly in the stomach



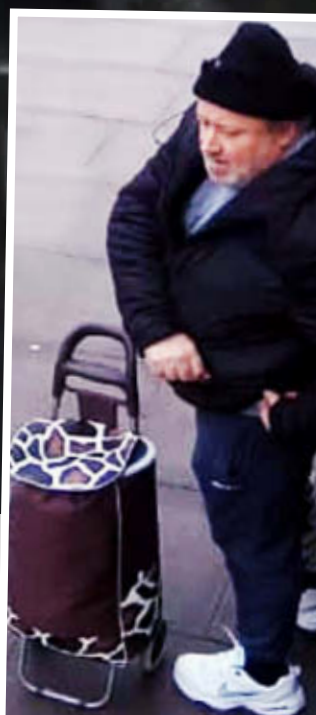
2 He pounces: A hood is forced over the terrified women's head

online as part of an appeal for witnesses, shows a man pulling a small wheelie bag as he follows the 20-year-old woman on March 18 at 6.30pm as she walked into an alley.

He then runs up behind her and shoves a cloth or pillow case over her head, backs her

against a wall and begins to rain blows on her stomach. The woman, who is 27 weeks pregnant, suffered minor injuries.

The Metropolitan Police confirmed last night that a man in his 50s had been arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm.



Caught on film: The attacker

By **Martin Beckford**
and **Mario Ledwith**

DAVID Cameron came under fire again last night after it emerged he has dodged declaring his lobbying activities – including with the watchdog he set up.

The former prime minister is already facing demands for an inquiry over text messages he sent to Rishi Sunak last year on behalf of a failed financial firm he was advising.

He also contacted officials in the Treasury and No 10 as part of Greensill Capital's bid to gain more access to taxpayer-backed Covid support loans. But it can be revealed today that Mr Cameron is not on any of the UK's three main registers of lobbyists.

He has not signed up with the Register of Consultant Lobbyists that he set up while in No 10. It states that it aims to 'enhance the transparency of those seeking to lobby Ministers and Permanent Secretaries on behalf of a third party'.

Anyone whose work involves 'contacting a UK Government Minister or Permanent Secretary on behalf of a third party, in return for payment' is meant to sign up. It does not apply to

'lobbying by in-house teams or individuals' so Mr Cameron may argue that as an adviser to Greensill he was exempt.

In-house lobbyists are instead encouraged to 'consider including themselves on the voluntary registers maintained by industry bodies'.

Mr Cameron's name is not on the latest versions of the two main industry lists either.

Rachael Clamp, chairman of CIPR Public Affairs, which runs the UK Lobbying Register, said: 'It was David Cam-

eron himself who, as prime minister, steered the Lobbying Act through Parliament on the promise that it would improve public trust in lobbying.

'Now he has taken on a lobbying role that falls outside the scope of the Act he devised. A public register of lobbyists must truly reflect all lobbying activity in a consistent, not selective, way.'

Liam Herbert, chairman of the PRCA board that runs the Public Affairs Register, said: 'Transparency and disclosure

are vital. We would strongly encourage unregulated lobbyists to embrace rigorous professional standards and to sign up to an independent and enforceable code of conduct.'

Sir Alistair Graham, former chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, said Mr Cameron was guilty of hypocrisy given a warning he gave about lobbying in 2010 and for being in office when the register was set up.

Mr Cameron's spokesman has declined to comment.

As storm grows over ex-PM's texts:

How Cameron ducked signing list of lobbyists

March 23, 2021

ON THIS DAY

FROM THE DAILY MAIL ARCHIVE

MARCH 23, 1956

PRINCE Rainier, returning to Monaco for his wedding next month to film star Grace Kelly, said tonight: 'I am not sure when I fell in love with Miss Kelly. But it was almost love at first sight.' He denied that he was marrying just because the people of Monaco wanted an heir to ensure their Principality does not become part of France. 'I did not have a pistol at my back, if that is what people think,' he said.

MARCH 23, 1970

THE BEATLES smoked a marijuana cigarette in the lavatories at Buckingham Palace the day in 1965 when they got their MBEs, according to a Paris magazine. John Lennon is quoted as saying: 'We were splitting ourselves like crazy because we had just smoked a "joint" in the toilets of Buckingham Palace.'



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SIR Steve Redgrave, 59. The rower from Buckinghamshire became the first Briton in 2000 to win gold at five successive Games. Sir Steve was asked to join his school's rowing team at 13 'because I had big hands and feet and so was liable to become a big person'.

CHAKA KHAN, 68, right. The U.S. singer-songwriter, the 'Queen of Funk', was born Yvette Marie Stevens. Her hits include I'm Every Woman, Ain't Nobody and I Feel For You. Khan gave Whitney Houston her first break, asking the 15-year-old to sing backing vocals on Khan's first solo album.



BORN ON THIS DAY

JOAN Crawford (1904/8-1977). The U.S. star of Whatever Happened To Baby Jane? was born Lucille Fay LeSueur. But her birth year is less certain – though 1908 is on her tombstone, her daughter insisted it was 1904. Said to be hugely selfish, she had a long-running feud with co-star Bette Davis, who said of her rival: 'Joan Crawford – I wouldn't sit on her toilet!'

WERNHER von Braun (1912-1977). The German aerospace genius became the Nazis' leading missile scientist and invented the unstoppable V-2 rocket, which slaughtered civilians indiscriminately. He surrendered to the U.S., then had a major role in the space programme that led to the moon landing.

ON MARCH 23...

IN 1983, U.S. President Ronald Reagan announced plans for his missile defence system, dubbed 'Star Wars'.

IN 2020, PM Boris Johnson said in a televised address: 'From this evening I must give the British people a very simple instruction – you must stay at home.'

WORD WIZARDRY

GUESS THE DEFINITION: Abditory (1658)

A) A hidden or withdrawn place
B) The affected use of archaic language
C) A resignation. Answer below.

PHRASE EXPLAINED

To go like the clappers: Meaning very quickly or full out; a 'clapper' is the tongue or striker of a bell which moves very quickly when it is rung. Started off as wartime RAF slang.

QUOTE FOR TODAY

'It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions.'

TH Huxley,

English biologist (1825-1895)

JOKE OF THE DAY

WHAT did the llama say when her boyfriend surprised her with a weekend getaway? Alpaca bag.

Guess The Definition answer: A

Compiled by ETAN SMALLMAN
and ADAM JACOT DE BOINOD