# Former Royal Marine charged after car crashes into Liverpool victory parade crowd



The shocking incident during Liverpool's Premier League victory parade, when a car crashed into a crowd, has taken a grim turn with the arrest of Paul Doyle, a 53-year-old man from West Derby. Doyle has been charged with grievous bodily harm and other related offences after the vehicle he was allegedly driving injured 79 people, some critically. The incident, which transpired on 26 May, has deeply shocked the local community and the nation, leading to widespread disbelief and calls for a thorough investigation.

The car incident has been described as a deliberate act, as Doyle reportedly bypassed police roadblocks, entering a temporarily reopened street by following an ambulance. The gravity of the situation is underscored by Assistant Chief Constable Jenny Sims, who assured the public that police would pursue a comprehensive investigation, exploring a vast amount of evidence, including eyewitness accounts and video footage. This incident marks a significant blow to what should have been a festive celebration, raising questions not only about individual responsibility but also about public safety at large events.

Doyle, who has also been identified as a former Royal Marine and a father of three, has been detained for several days. Reports suggest he was transporting a friend during the parade when an altercation with onlookers occurred, leading to panic, which might have played a role in the chaos that ensued. Eyewitnesses described harrowing scenes as attendees rushed to assist those injured, with several victims ranging widely in age, from a nine-year-old child to an elderly individual of 78. The local health services reported that over 50 people required hospital treatment, with seven remaining in stable condition.

While the police have ruled out any links to terrorism, as public sentiment remains high, the case's potential implications are significant. Calls for accountability resonate throughout Liverpool, with community leaders emphasising the need for justice for the victims. Doyle's charges, besides grievous bodily harm, include dangerous driving, all of which highlight the serious nature of the act. As he prepares for his court appearance at Liverpool Magistrates' Court, the public and authorities alike are keen to see how the legal proceedings will unfold amid increasing scrutiny of road safety during large public gatherings.

Adding to the narrative complexity, the incident contrasts sharply with the recent joy surrounding Liverpool’s Premier League victory, illuminating how quickly celebration can turn to tragedy. Many are expressing concerns about creating safer environments at such events, as high-profile celebrations could become targets for reckless acts. As the investigation continues, it is vital for authorities to address community safety comprehensively, ensuring that such incidents do not reoccur.

In the aftermath, political discussions surrounding public safety, event management, and individual accountability are likely to grow in momentum, leaving many wondering what measures can be taken to prevent a repeat of this harrowing event. The impact on Liverpool, both emotionally and socially, has raised challenging questions regarding the balance of joy and safety in public celebrations.

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5. <https://elpais.com/internacional/2025/05/29/el-conductor-que-arrollo-a-una-multitud-en-liverpool-es-un-exsoldado-padre-de-tres-ninos.html> - Paul Doyle, un ex infante de la Marina Real británica de 53 años y padre de tres hijos, fue identificado por la policía como el conductor que arrolló el pasado lunes a una multitud en Liverpool que celebraba la victoria de su equipo en la Premier League. Según informes del Daily Mail, Doyle se encontraba transportando a un amigo cuando entró en pánico al verse rodeado de personas, quienes llegaron incluso a romper la ventana de su coche e intentar agredirlo. El incidente dejó 79 heridos, incluidos un niño de nueve años y un anciano de 78; siete de ellos aún permanecen hospitalizados. Doyle, quien dirige un pequeño negocio no especificado, fue detenido y acusado de siete delitos de lesiones y conducción peligrosa. Está previsto que comparezca ante un tribunal este viernes, tras 96 horas de detención e interrogatorios. La fiscal Sarah Hammond señaló que los cargos están sujetos a revisión conforme se analice más material de vídeo del incidente, tanto de cámaras de seguridad como de teléfonos móviles. La policía divulgó rápidamente información parcial sobre el detenido para evitar especulaciones y respuestas extremistas como las vividas en casos anteriores. ([elpais.com](https://elpais.com/internacional/2025-05-29/el-conductor-que-arrollo-a-una-multitud-en-liverpool-es-un-ex-soldado-padre-de-tres-ninos.html?utm_source=openai))
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7. <https://www.ft.com/content/bac188a4-2157-4201-8c3b-9b1e3128da7b> - A 53-year-old man from West Derby has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following a serious car incident during Liverpool Football Club's Premier League victory parade. The suspect was also arrested for dangerous driving and driving under the influence of drugs. The incident occurred around 6pm when a Ford Galaxy vehicle entered a temporarily reopened road and collided with a crowd in Liverpool city centre, resulting in 65 casualties. Of those injured, 50 required hospital treatment, with 11 remaining hospitalized in stable condition. Merseyside Police emphasized that the incident is not being treated as a terrorist act and cautioned against online speculation or the sharing of distressing images. Emergency services rescued four people, including a child, trapped under the vehicle. Authorities are reviewing CCTV footage to track the car's movements prior to the collision. Home Secretary Yvette Cooper is visiting the site, and royal family members, including King Charles, Queen Camilla, and the Prince and Princess of Wales, expressed sorrow over the tragic event. ([ft.com](https://www.ft.com/content/bac188a4-2157-4201-8c3b-9b1e3128da7b?utm_source=openai))