

Delivery driver who ran over four-year-old girl riding scooter on pavement says he didn't see her

Peter Williams, 62, denies causing the death by dangerous driving of Esme Weir in Neston, Wirral

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Peter Williams, 62, of Poulton Road, Wallasey, denies causing the death by dangerous driving of four-year-old Esme Weir (Photo: Liverpool Echo)

A delivery driver who ran over a four-year-old girl riding a scooter when he mounted a pavement said he didn't see her.

Peter Williams denies causing the death by dangerous driving of Esme Weir in Neston, Wirral on Friday, January 15 last year.

Esme was going to pre-school with her pregnant mum Jessica Weir when she was hit as Williams parked his Ford Transit pickup van.

The Army veteran, who worked for Neston Building Supplies, was delivering wood in Gladstone Road.

Williams said he drove at around 10mph down the narrow road, slowed down to stop, indicated, checked his side mirror, then drove onto the pavement, as otherwise his van would have blocked the road.

Williams said: "The lady screamed. I got out the van to see what happened and the little girl was on the floor.

"I went to help her. I had blood all over my hands and the mother picked the little girl up and carried her across the road and took her into somebody's house."

Mrs Weir cradled her daughter in her arms, before neighbours and paramedics tried to save her life.

The 3ft 10in girl, who suffered multiple serious injuries, died at Arrowe Park Hospital.

Williams said he had not slept properly since and told the court: "I won't be driving anymore. Not after that tragic accident."

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