Man accused of murder 'would have killed thousands over Gaza if he had Kalashnikov', court hears

A Moroccan asylum seeker accused of murdering a pensioner "for the sake of Palestine" told police he would have killed "thousands" if he had a gun, a court has heard.

Ahmed Alid, 45, is on trial for knifing Terence Carney to death in Hartlepool town centre in October, eight days after the Hamas attacks on Israel. Mr Alid also allegedly attempted to murder Javed Nouri, a 31-year-old housemate who is a Christian convert.

While being questioned by police over the attack on Mr Nouri, he allegedly told officers he had wanted to kill more people.



Ahmed Alid denies murder, attempted murder and two counts of assault | CREDIT: PA

Ιn a recording of the interview , played in court, he told officers through an Arabic translato " T r: swear to almighty Allah, if I had a heavy

weapon this would be thousands because they had killed innocent children. I swear to almighty Allah, if I had a Kalashnikov I will use it to kill them to the last bullet, today before tomorrow."

Speaking through the translator, he also confirmed that he had been responsible for stabbing Mr Carney and Mr Nouri and went on to say that "there will be a flood of innocent victims here in Britain" if there was no ceasefire in Gaza.

During the interview, Mr Alid could be seen becoming angry towards the interpreter, allegedly insulting him shortly before detectives called the proceedings to a halt.

The jury has previously heard that two female detectives questioning him were allegedly assaulted after one tried to get between him and the interpreter when she became concerned about the defendant's manner.

The trial at Teesside Crown Court continues.