

**Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association**  
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**Ellesmere Port man jailed after admitting burglaries**

An Ellesmere Port man has been jailed for 10 months after pleading guilty to two burglaries and asking for three others to be taken into consideration.

Daniel Critchley, 31, of no fixed abode appeared at Chester Magistrates on Tuesday 18 October where he was sentenced the same day to eight months for the two burglaries and another two months for unrelated domestic offences which occurred on 15th September 2022.



During the hearing the court heard that sometime overnight between Monday 4 July and Tuesday 5 July Critchley tried to prise the door open at the Boat Museum in South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port using part of a queue barrier. When this failed, he smashed the double-glazed windows on a door to gain entry. He then stole various food items.

Critchley's DNA was found on the queue barrier he tried to use to break in. Fingerprints were also taken from plastic drinks packaging which linked him to the crime scene.

Then on Thursday 8 September Critchley went to the Port and Anchor in South Pier Road and used a large rock to smash a window to gain entry.

Once inside he stole a number of items including cake, two large tubs of ice cream, ice cream cones and a full box of biscuits. Again, Critchley's fingerprint was found at the scene.

On the morning of Monday 17 October Critchley was spotted by officers on patrol in Ellesmere Port town centre and recognised as being wanted on suspicion of commercial burglaries. He was arrested and later charged and remanded to appear at Chester Magistrates the following day.

DC Stuart Wood said:

*"I wish to thank all officers involved in the investigation involving several offences over a 4 month period. Burglary is a priority for us as we understand the impact it has, whether its someone's home or someone's livelihood. The damage he caused to break in has cost the businesses more than the actual cost of the stolen stock in most cases.*

*"The effect this type of crime has on the victims and the local community should not be underestimated so we will continue to make every effort to find those responsible and put them before the courts."*

## **Winsford drug dealer jailed**

A man responsible for supplying class A drugs in Winsford has been jailed.

Tony Whalley appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 13 October where he was sentenced to three years and three months in prison

The 35-year-old of Bramhall Close, Winsford, had earlier pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine) and failing to surrender to bail.

During the hearing the court heard how officers had found traces of Whalley's DNA on a package of drugs which was seized from a car on the A51 in Stamford Bridge on Monday 15 June 2020.

Officers had also recovered a number of messages on his mobile phone which linked him to the supply of illegal drugs.

Following the discoveries Whalley was charged with being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine).

Following his sentencing Police Constable Matt Uren, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: "I welcome the sentence handed to Whalley and I hope that his conviction sends out a warning to other dealers planning to target the Winsford area.

"Illegal drugs have a hugely detrimental impact and we are committed to doing all we can to remove those involved in the supply of such drugs from our communities.

"In Whalley's case he attempted to deny any involvement in illegal drugs. Thankfully, because of the evidence we were able to gather against him we were able to prove his

involvement beyond doubt, leaving him with no option but to plead guilty to the charges against him.”

Anyone with any information in relation to supply of illegal drugs in their community is urged to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or online at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>.

## **Cheshire Constabulary's first black officer honoured at Museum of Policing**

Cheshire Constabulary’s first black officer has been honoured by having a dedicated exhibition section at the Museum of Policing in Warrington.

Ken Grosvenor, 81, first joined the force in February 1971 and served the people of Cheshire for nearly 30 years over two separate spells – initially he served in Crewe’s beat team.

The following year, he received a Chief Constable Commendation for the arrest of two men who stole a motor vehicle.

Just five years later, Ken joined Crewe CID as a Detective Constable and stayed there for the remainder of his initial 14 years of service. During his time in the force, Ken, a keen cricketer, represented the Constabulary’s cricket team as a medium-pace bowler.

He left the force in 1985 and returned to Barbados where he began working as Head of Security at a hotel.

In 1990, Ken returned to the UK and re-joined the force, taking up a role of civilian scenes of crime officer, spending his time working in Crewe, Chester and Northwich.

He also became Branch Secretary of UNISON, representing civilian staff members employed by the force and played a pivotal role in the negotiations for the relocation of staff to the new Headquarters in Winsford, before he retired in 2005.

In May this year, Ken attended a special ceremony at the Museum of Policing where he was presented with a commemorative plaque by Deputy Chief Constable Chris Armit.



To coincide with Black History Month, which is taking place throughout October, visitors to the museum will also be able to see a new black mannequin that has been placed in Ken's section to commemorate black officers who have followed in Ken's footsteps.

Talking about the honour, Ken said: *"It was a great honour to be formally acknowledged by Cheshire Constabulary as its first black officer."*

*"Being a black officer in the early '70s was not an easy road to travel, but the fact that I had served in the British Army somehow prepared me for the journey."*

*"I was fortunate to find a cadre of officers with whom I could gel and who were supportive throughout my career."*

*"I cannot say enough about some of the people who helped to shape my career, including the likes of Roy Armitt, George Jones, Bert Spencer, Vinny Armstrong and Terry Prestwick, and I would sincerely like to thank the Deputy Chief Constable and everyone else who attended the Museum of Policing to laud my service in the Constabulary."*

*"I want to thank Will Brown at the Museum of Policing and all his volunteers for the hard work they put into making the event the success it was."*

*"I am forever grateful that so many of my former colleagues were able to attend and being able to share the event with my family made it even more special."*

*“I would like to pay tribute to my two daughters and especially to my late dear wife, Sandra, whose relentless support made me the person I am today; she would have been so proud to see my efforts recognised.”*

Detective Sergeant Upile Mtitimila who is chair of Cheshire Constabulary’s Multicultural Network said: *“It is inspiring to see Ken getting this recognition and humbling to know that he paved the way for myself and others in the Constabulary.*

*“The power of seeing someone like you in uniform, in policing cannot be understated and Ken’s service and the work of the museum I am sure will connect with many – some of whom may not have previously considered a career in policing.*

*“To Ken we are incredibly grateful.”*

Ken’s daughter, Dee Lobin who works in Cheshire Constabulary’s Witness Care Unit said: *“I feel immensely proud that my dad’s efforts have now been recognised and whose appointment to the force at that time was ground-breaking, and despite some of the oppression he suffered, he conducted himself with utmost integrity and dignity.”*

Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer said: *“I would like to thank Ken for his years of service, I am delighted that his career is being honoured in such a memorable way and that he has formally been recognised as Cheshire Constabulary’s first black officer.*

*“The dedication and courage that Ken has shown throughout his career is inspirational and he has paved the way for other black officers in Cheshire, I am so proud that Ken is receiving the recognition he deserves.*

*“Black History Month is an opportunity to reflect on the contribution that black officers, like Ken, have made and to look to the future to ensure that Cheshire Constabulary continues to be an inclusive and supportive place to work for all its officers and staff.”*

For more information on the Museum of Policing [please visit their website](#).

## **County lines gang jailed for supplying class A drugs in Chester**

A man who controlled the supply of class A drugs into Chester has been jailed along with the members of his organised crime group (OCG).

Christopher Martin was the controller of a gang he named as the ‘Tom’ team.

He recruited 10 people – including his girlfriend Sophie Fletcher – to ensure crack cocaine and heroin were sold to drug users in the city.



Martin would travel from his home in Merseyside to oversee the running of the county lines team and stay overnight in Chester hotels after carrying out his criminal activity.

Meanwhile Fletcher and John Turner were enlisted to transport the drugs from Merseyside to Chester on his behalf. They either travelled into the city by taxi or with Martin in his Range Rover.

Fletcher was also responsible for packaging the drugs into smaller quantities ready for onward supply.

The pair instructed Michael Davies, Peter Morley and Kelly Munday to stand in alleyways and on street corners to sell the drugs to users.

Carl Kelly regularly travelled to Chester to give orders and instructions to those dealing on the streets to ensure the supply of the drugs continued to run smoothly.

This evidence was gathered over a 12-month policing investigation by detectives from Chester local policing unit – codenamed Operation Longhand – which led officers to seize £10,000 worth of crack cocaine and heroin.

Over the course of the police investigation the county lines team are estimated to have profited between £94,000 and £186,000.

After collating the evidence, consisting predominantly of telecoms and CCTV footage, the gang were arrested on Tuesday 8 March 2022.

Three members of the gang - Martin, Turner and Fletcher - were sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 8 June 2022 after pleading guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.





The other members of the gang were sentenced at later dates at Chester Crown Court after pleading guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Judge Steven Everett praised the operation stating that this was an 'extremely greedy' county lines team that have now been taken off the streets.

The court heard how their activity was operating under a county lines drugs conspiracy.

A term used to describe how gangs export illegal drugs from urban to rural areas and use mobile phones – known in the criminal world as a graft – to send text messages – known as flares – advertising the sale of crack cocaine and heroin.

Over the course of the policing investigation the gang were found to be using around six graft phones that sent hundreds of messages to local users daily.

Richard Pendleton provided his home as a base for Martin's gang to facilitate their activity. He also ensured the profits made from drug dealing were sent back to those higher up the chain as well as alerting local users when the drugs had been restocked.

The gang were also using properties in Chester as places to store the drugs including the homes of vulnerable people – a term known as cuckooing.

Cheshire Constabulary Detective Constable Richard Connolley said: *"Martin was a switched on and sophisticated criminal. He used an encrypted messaging service to hide the conversations he was having about his criminal activity in order to make them secure.*

*"However, despite his attempts to be discreet and recruiting others to do the hands-on work he remained active which made him easily identifiable to police.*

*"Over the course of the investigation we gathered evidence that showed exactly what role each person played and how the team operated. Then on top of that the local community were coming forward to report seeing drug dealing occurring on their street and in alleyways which strengthened our case.*

*"I want to take this opportunity to encourage the local community to keep reporting drug activity to police so that we can continue to put organised crime gangs in prison."*

If you have information relating to drug activity taking place in your community [please report it via our website](#) or anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and Cheshire Constabulary will do the rest.

To spot the signs of county lines criminality [visit the Impact page on our website](#).

## **Officers from Macclesfield LPU have joined forces with specialist units within the Constabulary to tackle a recent spate of burglaries**

Operation Shield is the Constabulary's response to cross border criminals targeting Cheshire residents.

Officers have teamed up with the specialist departments including Neighbourhood teams, CID and the Roads and Crime Unit to tackle the issue head on by stepping up patrols in hotspot areas to disrupt and deter criminals.

Local officers and PCSOs have also been proactively targeting burglary hotspots, providing crime prevention advice, putting warning stickers in the windows and issuing SelectaDNA property marking kits, a cutting-edge way of protecting property from theft.



Each bottle within the kit contains a unique DNA code and thousands of tiny microdots that, once applied, identify it as yours.

As well as the free kits that officers are distributing, Cheshire residents and business owners can purchase additional kits, using a unique code, for £27 including VAT and postage (RRP £59.50). Visit the [SelectaDNA website](https://www.selectadna.com) and enter the unique code: NHWSHIELD.

If an item is stolen and recovered, if the property is marked, the owner can be identified and the property returned.

[https://youtu.be/ORgq\\_XH\\_3vE](https://youtu.be/ORgq_XH_3vE)

DCI Mark Whittaker said:

*“We’re currently investigating a recent rise in burglaries in the areas of Wilmslow and Poynton. We have pulled out all the stops to find those responsible, as well as providing comprehensive crime prevention advice to protect residents.*”

*“We’ve enlisted the help of our specialist departments to help us identify and target those intent on committing crime in East Cheshire. We have already made some arrests and will continue to find those responsible so we can put them before the courts.*”

*“The message is clear - we are determined to make life difficult for thieves, whether that’s through using intelligence to target those responsible, or arming residents with Selecta DNA and of course making sure they are our eyes and ears in the community, spotting suspicious activity and reporting it us. By working together, we can make Cheshire hostile to criminals.”*

It’s even more important that people review their security and keep an eye out for suspicious activity in the run up to Christmas when the darker nights and the likelihood of gifts and expensive items entice thieves to take a chance on breaking into your home.

PCSO James Morris said:

*“We have been targeting hotspot areas since 2021, together with Wilmslow Neighbourhood PCs and PCSOs visiting more than 400 houses, providing burglary prevention advice and preventative deterrence window stickers, gathering 160 Resident’s Voice surveys, and utilising hot-spot patrols to deter offenders and reassure the community.*”

*We will continue with this initiative to make all our residents aware of the measures they can take to protect their property and that of their neighbours.”*

Anyone who sees suspicious activity should contact police on 101 or via the website. Every piece of information officers get from the community helps to build a picture of thieves' activity in the area, and in some cases helps them catch them in the act. So if something doesn't seem right, please report it.

## **Closure order issued on Ellesmere Port flat linked to drugs and anti-social behaviour**

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A flat in Ellesmere Port which has been plagued by anti-social behaviour (ASB), violence and drug related activity has been closed down.

Over the past six months, police and For Housing received numerous reports of ASB and drug related activity at a flat on Hyde Close in Ellesmere Port.

This included issues with noise, violence, criminal damage and reports of numerous people attending the address day and night.

The activity left residents in neighbouring properties feeling unsafe in their own homes.

After gathering a catalogue of evidence, officers from Ellesmere Port ASB team attended Cheshire Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 18 October 2022 where they were granted a three month closure order.

The occupant of the address, a 53 year old man, was ordered to leave the property and to find alternative accommodation.

All windows and doors will now be boarded up for a period of three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested.

PC Warwick Evans, partnership co-ordinator for Ellesmere Port local policing unit, said:

*"The action taken today is a positive and pro-active response to the concerns of the local community. Everyone has a right to feel safe in their own homes and I cannot emphasise the relief that this closure order will bring to local residents.*

*"The activity at this address was totally unacceptable and I have no doubt that the closure order is the right result for the community and it will have a positive impact on the area.*

*“Residents can now go about their daily business knowing that the order has been imposed and that anyone found breaching it will be prosecuted.*

*“I would like to thank ASB officer Paula Bagnall at For Housing for all the support she has provided throughout this case. I hope that this closure will serve as a warning that people who choose to behave in this way can lose their homes as a consequence of their actions.”*

Local residents are encouraged to report any concerns to Cheshire Constabulary via the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us> or by calling 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **New Sexual Crime Scene Search Dog brings unique skills to Police Unit**

The Cheshire and North Wales Police Alliance Dog Unit has welcomed Police Dog April following completion of a six-week rigorous training programme that has changed the way sexual offences are investigated.

After successfully qualifying as a sexual crime scene search dog, with the help of her handler PC Steve Gunn, PD April is now one of only three dogs in the UK to be trained to detect seminal fluid only, which will help put more sexual offenders behind bars.

The training is part of a highly successful forensic search dog project, pioneered by Derbyshire Constabulary and developed by its dog section and Crime Scene Investigators (CSI).

PD April, a 15-month-old Golden Labrador, can now pinpoint tiny amounts of seminal fluid without being distracted by other scents. Her nose is so sharp that she can detect as little as 0.016ml of semen, sometimes years after it has been deposited.

Within 36 hours of returning from their training, PC Gunn and PD April were put to the test operationally after being requested to assist CSI with the examination of a scene in Cheshire.

It followed an allegation of a sexual assault on a young girl.

<https://youtu.be/Ks3Hhb87-Eo>

Chief Inspector Simon Newell – Head of Alliance Policing responsible for Armed Policing and Police Dogs for Cheshire and North Wales, said:

*“This is an early example of how this pairing of PD April and PC Steve Gunn will be a huge asset to the Alliance, helping both Cheshire and North Wales to prosecute sexual predators and safeguard victims.*

*“It shows how the skills of the dogs and their handlers play a vitally important role during sexual offence investigations, in scenes where traditional methods wouldn’t work.*

*“The introduction of this specialist search dog capability within the Alliance provides exciting opportunities to demonstrate how we can contribute towards tackling Force priorities”.*

The Alliance Dog Unit, established in 2015, provides the capability to respond dynamically to incidents requiring police dog response across Cheshire and North Wales.

Derbyshire’s lead trainer, PC Dean Allen, said:

*“It’s fantastic to welcome April to the team. Their training as seminal fluid dogs has been extremely thorough to test and prove their ability so they can best assist CSI.*

*“In the last six weeks they’ve learnt to identify and search for that scent in numerous scenarios that we’ve set up for them: indoors, outdoors, in vehicles, on grass, tarmac, and materials such as bedding and clothing.*

*“The result is we can catch sexual offenders that we may not have been able to otherwise due to the very difficult nature of some sexual offence scenes.*

*“The dogs can indicate the presence of seminal fluid in places traditional kits can’t detect it and, once they’ve identified the scent, that piece of material or vegetation can be sent away and the extracted DNA profiled, leading to more prosecutions and offenders behind bars.”*

## **Cheshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team continue to urge walkers to keep dogs on leads**

Police are again reminding dog owners to make sure they have control over their dogs when they are walking in the Cheshire countryside.

Officers from the Rural Crime Team are warning that despite the advice being given to keep dogs on leads there are still cases of livestock worrying offences, with family dogs who have never done this before suddenly bolting and chasing sheep, which in some cases they spotted three fields away.

PC Rob Stordy said:

*“It is vital that you keep your dog on the lead around livestock, even if you can usually trust it to come to call. If you live in or near a farming area, you must make sure that your dog cannot escape from your property, as it may find its way onto land containing sheep. Dogs should only be released from a lead if walkers are followed or chased by cattle.*



*“It’s better to be safe than sorry by using your lead to control your dog. This should avoid not only the devastation and financial cost to the farmer who has lost his or her sheep, but the trauma to the dog owner from their dog’s actions, and the thought it could have been shot to prevent further devastation.*

*“I’d simply urge owners - no matter how reliable you think your dogs are - keep dogs on a lead near livestock.*

*“We want everyone to enjoy the countryside safely and responsibly- take a look at the countryside code to see how you can do your bit.”*

To find out more about how to keep you, your pet and farm animals safe visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

## **Three men charged after investigation into threats in Blacon**

Three men have been charged following an investigation into threats made to occupants of an address in Blacon.

At 6.59pm on Tuesday 4 October police were called to an address in Hatton Road, Blacon following reports of a disturbance.

As part of ongoing enquiries into the incident, four men were arrested. A 40-year-old man from Warrington was arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence on 13 October and has since been bailed pending further enquiries. Three other men have since been charged.

Jay Roberts, 30, of Nelson Road, Ellesmere Port was arrested on 5 October and later charged with two counts of possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. He appeared at Chester Magistrates on 7 October and was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on 4 November.

Gerard Bailey, 51, from Malvern Road, St Helen’s was arrested on 7 October and later charged with two counts of possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, and one count of possession of a prohibited weapon. He appeared at Chester Magistrates on 8 October and was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on 4 November.

Anthony Moorcroft, 52, from Eleanor Road, Bidston was arrested on 12 October and later charged with conspiracy to possess a firearm with intent to endanger life. He appeared at Chester Magistrates on 14 October and was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on 11 November.

## **Criminals travelling between Cheshire and Merseyside to commit serious and organised crime targeted as part of Op Crossbow**

People who travel between Cheshire and Merseyside to commit serious and organised crime have been targeted by police as part of Operation Crossbow.

The day of action – which took place this morning (Monday 17 October) – saw Cheshire Constabulary join forces with Merseyside Police and British Transport Police, deploying more than 200 officers in a bid to disrupt and deny criminals using the road and railway networks between the county border.

Working together, Cheshire and Merseyside police flooded the main arterial routes in and out of Warrington, Halton and Merseyside aiming to flush out any potential criminals using the transport network to commit crime.

Cheshire's Roads and Crime officers in marked cars parked at strategic locations and used Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to monitor vehicles crossing between the counties. Stop checks were made on every vehicles that was linked to criminal activity or believed to be operating on the roads illegally.

Officers from British Transport Police patrolled and monitored the trains that were travelling into Widnes, while earlier in the day Merseyside Police executed five warrants relating to drug offences and money laundering.

Another initiative used by officers was Operation Yellow Card which allows officers who suspect someone is carrying out criminal activity to issue them with a warning card.

<https://youtu.be/1JIYTKw8-Tc>

The visible and high profile presence is intended to send a strong warning to anyone associated with or linked to serious and organised crime, and comes off the back of the recent serious violence in Merseyside, which has included three fatal shootings.

Since then Merseyside Police has made hundreds of arrests in relation to serious and organised crime and Operation Crossbow forms part of that continued drive to prevent individuals from moving from the city into the Cheshire area solely for criminal purposes.

Chief Superintendent Alison Ross said:

*“Operation Crossbow is our joint response to policing the region's borders including those who use road and rail networks to commit criminality and to send a strong message to individuals associated with or linked to serious and organised crime.*

*“The operation builds on the hundreds of arrests that have occurred in Merseyside following the serious violence that involved three fatal shootings and to further prevent criminals who may choose to move their criminality into other neighbouring areas as a result of the disruption.*

*“We know there is a strong link between the illegal use of vehicles and other serious and organised crime, which is why we are working together with our colleagues in Merseyside and British Transport Police to target these criminals as they travel across the region.*

*“By joining forces we’re creating a show of strength and we will not stop pursuing those who are intent on coming into and out of Cheshire in order to commit crime, further creating that hostile and fearful environment for criminals to operate.”*

*“We must not underestimate the impact of cross-border crime on our local communities and we will continue doing all we can to protect the public that we serve.”*

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, said:

*“Cheshire Constabulary’s work alongside Merseyside Police and British Transport Police shows a united front against serious and organised crime and reinforces the message that those using our roads to commit crime are not welcome in Cheshire.*

*“Preventing and tackling crime is key to delivering the Police and Crime Plan and Operation Crossbow shows the commitment to making Cheshire a hostile environment for criminals. I hope this day of action reassures the county’s residents that police officers are out there, keeping you safe and putting a stop to criminal activity.”*

Chief Superintendent Mark Wiggins, from Merseyside Police, said:

*“During this day of action, we have shown our continued commitment to the communities of Merseyside and Cheshire and our promise to make the region a hostile environment for criminals to operate in. This operation is an extension of the excellent work we do between the forces on a daily basis.*

*“I hope the arrests and drugs seized at this morning’s warrants in Liverpool demonstrate a clear and direct message to those using our roads and rail network to commit crime that they are not welcome in Cheshire or Merseyside, and they will be brought to justice.*

*“There is also a strong link between the illegal use of vehicles and other serious and organised crime, which is why all three forces are working together to target those criminals as they attempt to travel across our regions.”*

Chief Inspector Dave Rams from British Transport Police said:

*“Joint working with our policing colleagues is vital to successfully disrupting crime and makes a real difference to local communities harmed by criminality.*

*“As a specialist police force, we are experts at detecting and deterring crime and work to make the railway a hostile environment for organised criminal activity.*

*“Monday’s operation isn’t a one-off – we police the rail network every day to track down offenders and bring them to justice.*

*“And the work doesn’t stop here – we continue to work closely with our police colleagues and the rail industry to pursue offenders and bring down criminal enterprises.”*

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

### **Appeal for information following serious assault in Northwich**

Detectives are appealing for information from the public following a serious assault at a nightclub in Northwich.

Sometime between 2.30am and 3am on Sunday 16 October, a 23-year-old local man was in the gents’ toilets at Revival Nightclub on High Steet, Northwich, when he was involved in a dispute with two other men.

During the incident the victim was punched in the face several times.

The man subsequently attended Leighton Hospital where it was found that he had sustained multiple fractures to his jaw.

Following the discovery, the victim reported the incident to police.

Detective Constable Helen Harrison, of Northwich CID, said: *“The victim in this case has been left with potentially life changing injuries and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that those responsible are held accountable for their actions.*

*“From our enquiries so far, we know that a number of people went into the toilets at the time of the incident, and I would urge them to come forward.*

*“The same goes for anyone who believes they know the identity of the men responsible for the attack.*

*“I would ask anyone, with any information, no matter how small, to get in touch. Information can be reported online at [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), or via 101 quoting IML 1390155.”*



Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Two local men aged, 28 and 30, have since been arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault in relation to the incident.

One of the men had been released on bail and the second man is currently being questioned by officers.

## **Update: Detectives investigating a rape in Warrington have released CCTV footage**

Detectives investigating a rape in Warrington have now released CCTV images of a man they want to speak to in connection with the incident.

At 5.30am on Sunday 2 October, police were called to an address in Orford Lane, Warrington.

Officers found that an unknown man had entered the house and then raped the female occupant, who had been asleep.

Detectives are now asking members of the public for help in identifying the man pictured in the CCTV footage.

The man is described as wearing a Jack Jones top and a black coloured coat, dark jeans, and white trainers.

He can be seen carrying a suitcase, which it's believed he stole from the victim's house, and is thought to have walked along O'Leary Street after the attack.

[https://youtu.be/5EjLblk\\_4Ao](https://youtu.be/5EjLblk_4Ao)

Superintendent Evans said: *"The investigation is very much ongoing with a number of enquiries underway and as part of these we are keen to identify the man shown in the CCTV footage as we believe he may be able to help with our investigation.*

*"We know that the man was walking away from the area, carrying a suitcase, a short time after the incident occurred, he was last sighted passing by Peninsular House on O'Leary Street.*

*"I am appealing to anyone who may recognise the man and I would also like to urge the man himself to come forward and contact us.*

*“The same goes to anyone who has any video footage - dashcam, video doorbell or home security - that they have not yet passed to police.”*

Detectives are still urging the residents in the area to remain vigilant by ensuring they keep windows and doors locked.

Superintendent Evans added: *“Thankfully, attacks such as these are extremely rare – nevertheless, I would urge residents to be vigilant and make sure their homes are well secured.*

*“I hope that our large police presence in the area will reassure those in the local community that we are working tirelessly to find the man responsible, and I would urge anyone who or information that may help us to speak to an officer.”*

Anyone who believes that they may have information in relation to the incident, report it to Cheshire Constabulary via the [online portal](#). Alternatively, call us on 101 quoting IML 1379409.

If anyone has any concerns about suspicious activity in their area, please contact us by calling 101 or visit our [website](#). In an emergency, always dial 999.

## **Police in Crewe appeal for witnesses following burglary**

Police are appealing for information following a burglary at an address in Wistaston.

At around 8.15pm on Sunday 16 October thieves broke into an address in Charlote Crescent and stole jewellery.

Police are checking CCTV, gathering forensic evidence and making house to house enquiries. Local officers have also been in the area giving crime prevention advice to residents.

DC Laura Hall said:

*“We’ve been making a number of enquiries in the area and would appeal to anyone with information to contact us. This could be CCTV, doorbell footage, dashcam footage, or information about anyone acting suspiciously in the area.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police via the [website](#) or by calling 101 quoting IML 1390363. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## **Police appeal for information following indecent exposure in Moston**

Police are appealing for information after a man exposed himself to two girls in Moston, Chester.

At approximately 5.30pm on Friday 14 October, two girls were walking to a service station on Liverpool Road when a man standing in the nearby bushes made an inappropriate remark before stepping out and exposing himself.

The suspect is described as a man aged 20 to early 30s. He was wearing dark coloured top and loose grey trousers.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of the investigation officers are appealing to anyone who may have seen something suspicious.

PC Emma Ireland said: *"I understand this is very concerning behaviour of which we're looking into as a priority."*

*"This appears to have been an isolated incident and I would like to reassure the local community that we are doing everything we can to trace the man responsible."*

*"As part of our enquiries, we are appealing for anyone who was in the area and believes that they may have seen the offender or something that didn't look quite right to contact us. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offender is or has dashcam or CCTV footage from around the area at the time."*

Anyone with information or footage that may help officers with their investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or visit the [website](#) quoting IML 1388802.

Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or by visiting their [website](#).

## **Police appeal for witnesses following serious collision in Neston**

Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious collision in Willaston, Neston.

At 3.55pm on Friday 14 October police were called to a collision on Benty Heath Lane, Willaston, Neston.

The collision involved a red Honda motorbike and a silver Honda Civic estate car.

The rider of the motorbike, a 76-year-old man from Little Sutton, Ellesmere Port, was taken to hospital by air ambulance with serious injuries. He is currently in a stable condition.

Sgt Andy Dennison said:

*“I’d urge anyone who witnessed the collision or has dash cam footage which may help us establish the circumstances, to contact police.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or [online](#) quoting IML1388660.

## **Appeal for information following fail to stop collision in Runcorn**

Officers are appealing for witnesses and dash cam footage following a fail to stop collision in Runcorn.

Shortly before 6pm on Monday 17 October, police were called to reports of a collision on the A533 Southern Expressway, Runcorn.

Officers attended the scene and on arrival they found a silver Mini Cooper which had come off the road and overturned on an embankment.

The driver of the car had fled the scene and a 41-year-old local man was left trapped in the passenger seat.

The man was released by firefighters and taken to Aintree hospital, where he is currently in a critical condition.

A 29-year-old man from Widnes was subsequently arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving; he had since been released under investigation.

Police Constable Liz Thompson, of the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: *“This was a serious collision which has left a man with critical injuries.*

*“As part of our investigation we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed the collision. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage of the incident.*

*“We would also like to hear from anyone who witnessed, or anyone with any dashcam footage of the silver Mini Cooper being driven from Widnes Town Centre, towards Runcorn prior to the collision.*

*“From our enquiries so far, we believe the car drove from Widnes Town Centre at 5.47pm and across the Mersey Gateway bridge towards Runcorn.*

*“I urge anyone with any information – no matter how small – to get in touch.”*

Information can be reported online at [www.Cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.Cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), or by calling 101, quoting IML 1391017.



## **Appeal for information following robbery in Wilmslow**

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a robbery in Wilmslow. At around 10pm on Monday 3 October, a 52-year-old woman was walking along Torkington Road when a blue Ford Fiesta, containing five people, pulled up at the side of the road.

One man then got out of the car and pushed the victim to the floor and placed his hand over her mouth, he then went on to steal her Rolex watch.

The offender then got back into the car and the vehicle sped off onto Fletsand Road, and then onto Macclesfield Road.

Enquiries in relation to the incident have been ongoing and officers are now appealing to members of the public for more information.

Detective Constable Thomas Towe said: *"This was an absolutely terrifying incident and the victim has understandably been left shaken by her ordeal."*

*"I want to reassure the community that we are working hard to make sure those responsible are identified and caught."*

*"Our enquiries are ongoing and as part of this we are asking anyone with any information, no matter how small it may be, to come forward."*

*"We are also keen to hear from anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage which may help our investigation."*

Anyone who has information, CCTV or dash cam footage is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary online [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) or via 101 quoting IML 1380627.

Information can also be provided by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>.

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