

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

A woman has been jailed following an armed robbery at a convenience store in Winsford.

Angela Hughes of Pentland Close, Winsford, appeared in Chester Crown Court on Monday 19 September, where she was sentenced to four years and nine months.

The 45-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to robbery and possession of a bladed article.

During the hearing the court heard how at around 10:30pm on Thursday 18 August, Hughes entered a Spar Store on Delamere Street, Winsford.

Once inside, she produced a knife and began threatening staff demanding that they handed over money from the tills.

She then fled the scene with a quantity of cash.

Officers attended the scene and after reviewing CCTV footage, Hughes was quickly identified as the suspect.

Enquiries to locate her began and she was subsequently located at around 11.40am on Saturday 20 August after Central Motorway Policing Group stopped a car she was travelling in on the M6.

Following questioning she was charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article.

Following Hughes' sentencing, Detective Constable Kelly Mankee said:

"This was a terrifying ordeal for all those involved, and I welcome the sentence that has been handed to Hughes.

"She is a prolific offender and has showed absolutely no regard for both the store workers and members of the public who were also present.

"Thankfully, as a result of a thorough investigation, and the strength of evidence gathered against her, Hughes was left with no option but to plead guilty.

"I hope that the outcome of this case demonstrates to local residents how seriously we treat robbery, and also acts as a warning to others who are intent on committing crime."Woman jailed following armed robbery in Winsford



Police strengthen their network of vigilance across the North West

Police officers from four forces in the North West have teamed up for a security operation aimed at strengthening their network of vigilance ahead of Christmas markets opening across the region.



On Wednesday, 9 November 2022, Project Servator teams from Merseyside, Cheshire, Greater Manchester and British Transport Police conducted patrols across the North West railway network and deployed at various locations in the centre of Liverpool, Manchester and Warrington.

These highly visible Project Servator deployments are deliberately unpredictable, and the tactic aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public.



The deployments use specially trained uniform and plain clothes officers to spot the tell-tale signs that someone may have criminal intent such as gathering information that may help them plan or prepare to commit a crime. Officers are supported by colleagues in other specialist roles including the dog section, firearms and CCTV operators.

<https://youtu.be/icVgiESZxN0>

Chief Inspector Iain Wyke of Protective Security Operations at Merseyside Police said:

“During deployments, officers will encourage the public, including people working in local businesses, to be extra eyes and ears, and report suspicious activity. The aim is to build a network of vigilance made up of business and community partners and the general public.”

“This operation has been a great opportunity to combine expertise from each of the four forces and demonstrate the effectiveness of Project Servator deployments not only at a local level but also at a regional level. During the deployments, officers made several arrests for offences including theft, possession of controlled drugs, breach of prison licence and public order offences.”

Warrington Local Policing Unit sergeant Graham Robinson said:

“This was a fantastic opportunity to highlight the work we do with our regional colleagues to disrupt crime. Our show of force aimed to emphasise the message that there are no borders - we work together on a regular basis to make life difficult for those intent on committing crime and to protect those going about their lawful business.”

“It also gave us an opportunity to talk to people about Project Servator and how they too can get involved in keeping their communities safe by reporting anything they see that doesn’t seem right.”

Chief Inspector Iain Wyke added:

“These deployments will continue throughout the region and if you see one, there is nothing to worry about. Feel free to talk to the officers and they will explain what they are doing and how you can help keep people safe.

“Everybody has a vital role to play and what we ask is simple. Stay alert and trust your instincts. If you see something that doesn’t feel right, tell a member of staff or a police officer. Don’t assume someone else will do it. However insignificant you think something may be, trust your instincts and report it because your actions could potentially save lives.”

To report suspicious activity, call the police on 101. Suspicious activity is anything that seems out of place, unusual or does not seem to fit in with day-to-day life. If it is an emergency, always call 999.

Guidance on how to help, including what suspicious activity to look out for, and confidential reporting is available at www.gov.uk/act.

UPDATE | Eight charged following a series of successful raids in Crewe, Sandbach and Merseyside

Detectives from Cheshire Constabulary have charged eight people following a series of successful raids.

Earlier today, Thursday 10 November, officers from across the force conducted searches at ten homes in Crewe, Sandbach and Merseyside.

Nine people were arrested and following questioning, eight have been charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

The ninth person has since been released under investigation.

All eight were remanded into custody and are set to appear at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Friday 11 November.

The eight defendants are:

- Merold Earl Stennett, 43, of Peter Place, Crewe.
- William Gooley, 38, of Hankey Drive, Bootle.
- Shadat Kogolo, 27, of Long Beam Road, Sandbach.
- Russel Schofield, 32, of Pelican Close, Crewe.
- Alexander Sinclair, 26, of Hungerford Road, Crewe.
- Daley Smith, 33, of Summer Drive, Sandbach.
- William Sutherland, 61, of Edmonton Close, Liverpool.
- Andrew Williams, 38, Chirkdale Street, Liverpool.

The charges relate to alleged county lines drug dealing between Cheshire and Merseyside.



Ellesmere Port man handed five-year Criminal Behaviour Order

A man has been banned from entering Ellesmere Port town centre after verbally abusing job centre staff and civil servants.

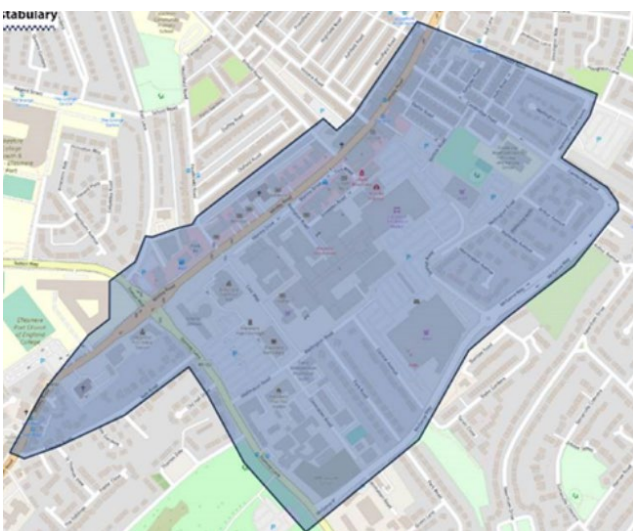
Timothy Finley appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 9 November where he was handed a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

As a result of the order the 32-year-old, of no fixed abode, is banned from entering Ellesmere Port town centre for the next five years.

Following the order he must comply with the following conditions –

1. Not use abusive, insulting or intimidating language or behaviour in any public place or towards any person in Cheshire
2. Not use or threaten any violence in any public place in Cheshire
3. Not to enter the exclusion area on the map, except when passing through on a continuous journey using public transport or in a private vehicle and does not alight within the exclusion area.

If he breaches any of the conditions, he could face a penalty of five years imprisonment.



During today's hearing, the court was told that over the past year police have dealt with more than ten incidents involving Finley.

Five related to incidents at Ellesmere Port job centre on Whitby Road, where he repeatedly threatened and verbally abused staff and customers.

He also launched a tirade of abuse against civil servants working at the Local MPs office, even threatening to set fire to the building.

Other incidents included threatening his former landlord with a knife, criminal damage and verbally abusing police staff and officers.

Jane Delevingne, Community Safety Officer for Cheshire West, said:

"Finley is a prolific offender who has brought misery to Ellesmere Port town centre over a number of years.

"Over the past 12 months his offending has increased dramatically and despite multiple offers of support, he has refused to engage with officers, persistently showing no consideration for the impact his behaviour has had on others.

"Finley has no regard for the criminal justice system or the police and he cannot be allowed to continue to act in this way, which is both criminal and anti-social.

"Nobody should have to live in fear or feel harassed in their home or own workplace and there comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action to protect the residents and businesses.

"I hope that this order provides reassurance to the local community and helps to deter Finley's criminal behaviour."

Anyone who encounters Finley breaching any of the above restrictions is urged to contact Cheshire Police at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard/> or call 101, to report it.



Two men charged following serious assault in Chester

Officers investigating a serious assault in Chester have charged two men.

Dean Weekes, 18, of School Lane, Elton and Shayne Jarvis, 18, of Birchwood Close, Elton have both been charged with grievous bodily harm without intent.

They will appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on 16 December.

The charges relate to an assault in the Pepper Street area of Chester in the early hours of Sunday 29 May 2022.

Man jailed for drug dealing following stop check in Ellesmere Port

A man from Ellesmere Port has been jailed for more than two years after he was caught selling drugs in the town.

McKenzie Sadler appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 4 November where he was sentenced to 27 months.

The 20-year-old of Aldgate, Ellesmere Port, had earlier admitted two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

The case began when, at around 2pm on Thursday 6 October, two plain clothed officers on patrol in the Schubert Close area of Ellesmere Port, spotted a number of known drug users congregating near an alleyway next to Brookside Primary School.

The group were then approached by Sadler who appeared to be selling drugs.

Officers quickly intercepted and detained Sadler at the scene. A search revealed that he was in possession of a bag containing wraps of crack cocaine and heroin along with almost £800 cash.

Sadler was arrested and taken to police custody for drugs offences. Analysis of the drugs seized gave them a street value of approximately £900.

Following his arrest, officers conducted searches at two addresses linked to Sadler in Ellesmere Port where they recovered number of items and a further £1641.28 cash.

Sadler was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply Heroin and Crack cocaine.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Roy Wellings, of Ellesmere Port Pro-active team, said:

“Thanks to the work of the two eagle-eyed officers a large quantity of drugs have been removed from the streets of Ellesmere Port and a dealer is now behind bars.

“This is an absolutely fantastic result and I hope it acts as a warning to others planning to deal drugs in Cheshire – you never know who’s watching.”

In addition to his prison sentence Sadler was also ordered to forfeit the £2440 cash seized by officers and pay £228 court costs.

Detective Constable Wellings added:

“Illegal drugs can have a devastating impact, not only drug users, but also the community around them.

“Here in Ellesmere Port, we are doing all we can to stop drug activity on our streets to make the town a safer place to live and visit, while also making it extremely difficult for these offenders to operate.

“We will always act on any information about drug activity provided to us and would urge anyone who believes this activity is happening near to them to get in touch.”

You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary online at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>, or by calling 101.

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



Three county lines drug dealers jailed following drugs bust

Three gang members of the 'Barry' county lines team who conspired to supply class A drugs into Runcorn have been jailed.

William Ryan, Barry Kenny and Stuart Manson have been sentenced to a combined total of more than ten years in prison after their appearance at Chester Crown Court on Monday 7 November.

The trio's conviction forms part of Operation Toxic, a partnership operation with Merseyside Police targeting county lines drug dealers.

The case began on Wednesday 1 June 2022, when officers were carrying out arrest attempts at Manson's home address on Constables Close, Runcorn, for an unrelated matter.

While at the address, they discovered a glove containing white powder and several mobile phones that were ringing continuously.

Kenny was already at the address when officers attended, and Ryan arrived whilst officers were carrying out enquiries.

Officers searched Ryan upon his arrival, and he was found in possession of six wraps of heroin, a mobile phone and a quantity of cash.

Manson, Kenny, and Ryan were subsequently arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

While the trio were held in custody, officers conducted a search at Kenny's address on Hedge Hey, Runcorn and recovered a quantity of heroin, a number of weapons including a machete and a digital scale.

On Friday 3 June, Manson and Kenny were charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs and Ryan was released under investigation.

Further enquiries were conducted, and evidence was found that Ryan was concerned in the supply of class A drugs, so officers executed a warrant at an address on Oak Drive, Runcorn on Wednesday 29 June.

Ryan was at the address when officers seized quantities of heroin and crack cocaine during the raid.

Ryan was arrested and later charged with two counts of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs and two counts of conspiring to supply class A drugs (crack cocaine and heroin).

They were sentenced to –

- Ryan, aged 41, of no fixed abode - jailed for three years and nine months
- Kenny, aged 46, of Hedge Hey, Runcorn – jailed for three years
- Manson, aged 41, of Constables Close, Runcorn – jailed for three years and seven months

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

The 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 four graft phones that sent hundreds of messages to local users daily.

Police Constable Dawn Taylor, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"We were able to provide a catalogue of evidence against Ryan, Kenny and Manson in order to put them before the courts which led them to plead guilty to the offences put to them."*

"Despite being released under investigation for offences initially, Ryan continued to supply drugs right up to the point of being arrested once again at the end of July."

"These men thought that they could get away with bringing crack cocaine and heroin into Runcorn but they were wrong."

"Drugs have no place on our streets and by bringing these criminals to justice and seizing large quantities of illegal substances, we have been able to intervene and stop these drugs from finding the way into the hands of vulnerable users."

"I welcome the sentences handed to Ryan, Kenny and Manson and I hope this sends a clear message that county lines activity has no place in the town."

"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 through the [website](#) or anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and Cheshire Constabulary will do the rest.



Man arrested after making 21 repeat 999 calls

A man has been arrested following 21 repeat emergency calls to police.

A total of 21 999 calls were made to Cheshire Constabulary's Force Control Room – occurring between 10.11am to 1.44pm.

Officers were deployed and attended an address in the Middlewich Road area of Winsford.

A 59-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of misuse of the 999 number. He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Service Delivery Manager of the Force Control Centre David McMahon said: *“To make repeat calls to 999 is wholly inappropriate and takes our call handlers away from dealing with genuine emergencies.*

“Call handlers are here to play a vital role in the receipt of emergency calls from the public needing our help.

“Misuse of 999 and hoax calls are a criminal offence and if found guilty, you could face up to six months imprisonment or a £5,000 fine.”

If you are a victim of crime you should contact Cheshire Police in the following ways:

- 999 if there is an immediate threat to life or property
- 101 for non-emergencies

You can also report other matters quickly and easily by visiting [the Cheshire Constabulary website](#).

Family pay tribute to 23-year-old man who died following a collision in Malpas



The family of a 23-year-old man who passed away following a collision in Malpas have paid tribute to him.

Jacob Holden, known as Jay, from Malpas, was the driver of a Vauxhall Vivaro van that was involved in a collision at around 9.50pm on Friday 28 October on Wet lane.

His family are being supported by specialist officers.

Jay's family – Mark, Billie and Olivia have paid tribute to him: *“Our family have been left truly devastated by the tragic events of last Friday evening.*

“Jay for his 23 years touched the hearts of so many lives across all generations. The outpouring of love and affection to our family has shown what a truly special young man he was to so many.

“He loved his family and friends with all his heart. He was a caring, gentle, kind soul who made time for everyone. His inherent goodness is rare to find.

“Jay worked hard and had the most amazing work ethic but he also knew how to enjoy life to the fullest.

“His smile lit up all our lives. Our hearts are simply broken.”

An investigation remains underway and as part of their enquiries, officers are appealing for information in relation to the collision.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or quoting IML 1399527 or call 101.

Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously via [the Crimestoppers website](#) or call 0800 555 111.

Rural Crime Team join forces with residents to deter and disrupt criminals as part of Op Overwatch

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary’s Rural Crime Team joined forces with residents to deter and disrupt criminals who target farming and rural communities.

Operation Overwatch took place during the evening of Friday 4 November and saw officers engage with residents in Macclesfield and the surrounding areas.

During the night, officers supported by Cheshire’s Special Constabulary and the Derbyshire Rural Crime Team, worked to target Cheshire’s borders with Derbyshire and Staffordshire – on the look-out for Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) who purposefully target and exploit rural communities.

Patrols were on the look-out for a range of crime such as livestock theft, organised plant theft, burglaries targeting firearms, poaching and hare coursing.

<https://youtu.be/r1LSyYhwG7A>

Throughout the night a number of vehicles were subject to stop and search while officers also carrying out drink and drug testing.

Police constable Jim Clark, of the Rural Crime Team, who led the operation, said: *“It’s really important for us to work with our rural communities to proactively target those who think that they can commit crime in our areas.*

“Due to Cheshire having such vast areas of countryside, we can see how it may be tempting for those to cross the border and commit such crime but they’d be wrong.

“Our Rural Crime Team work around the clock to catch those in the act and bring criminals to justice and we will not stop in pursuing those who believe they can travel into Cheshire’s rural communities to commit crime.

“I would just like to give a personal thanks to all those that volunteered and took part in the operation.”

If you have any concerns about rural crime in your area, please report them via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal following a serious assault in Alsager

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Alsager are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

The incident occurred outside the Lakeside Fish Bar on Crewe Road at around 7.30pm on Friday 11 November.

The victim, a 63-year-old man from Alsager, was assaulted by a much younger male.

He sustained serious facial injuries as a result of the incident.

The victim received hospital treatment for his injuries and has since been discharged.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage that may help their investigation to come forward.

Detective Constable Mitch Allford, who is leading the investigation, said:

“This was a serious assault that left the victim in hospital with significant facial injuries.

“He does not know the person who assaulted him outside the Lakeside Fish Bar on Crewe Road.

“It was an unprovoked attack that occurred after the victim had left the takeaway.

“When he was outside, he spoke to the offender, who was with a group of people.

“The offender then punched him in the face a few times before fleeing the scene.”

The offender is described as white, around 6’ 2” tall with a stocky build. He looked to be approximately 16 years old and had dark hair.

He was wearing a green goalkeeper jersey and had a mountain bike with him.

DC Allford said:

“I would like to reassure members of the community that we are determined to establish who assaulted the victim and make them face the consequences of their actions.

“Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may aid our investigation to get in touch.

“Perhaps you witnessed the incident, think you saw the offender before or after it occurred, or maybe you think you may know who he is from the description of him.

“I am also keen to hear from any motorists who were in the area that night and think they may have captured the incident or the offender on dashcam footage.

“The same goes for anyone who thinks they may have CCTV footage of the offender.”

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 1410833, give the details via the Cheshire Constabulary website or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses after cyclist found by the roadside in Wilmslow

Police are appealing for witnesses after a cyclist was found by the roadside with serious injuries in Wilmslow.

At 7.25pm on Friday 4 November emergency services were called to the scene on Dean Road, near its junction of Welland Road after reports of a man with a serious head injury.

The 35-year-old man is now recovering at home.

Officers are investigating the circumstances and are making a number of enquiries.
PC Rowan Burt said:

“We’re trying establish how the cyclist sustained the serious injuries and we’re looking at whether he was in collision with a vehicle. We believe the incident may have happened sometime between 7pm and 7.30pm on Dean Road near its junction with Welland Road before a passer-by came across him.

“I’d urge anyone who may have been in the area between these times and witnessed a collision between a bike and a vehicle, or has dash cam footage, to contact police.”

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or by going [here](#) and quoting IML 1405319.

UPDATE – Two men arrested following serious assault in Crewe

Detectives’ investigating the serious assault of a pensioner in Crewe have now arrested two men in connection with the incident.

The 22-year-old and 24-year-old, both from the Crewe area, were arrested on Monday 7 November, on suspicion of section 18 assault; the pair have since been released on conditional bail.

The arrests follow an incident outside an address on Gresty Road which was reported at around 11.45pm on Saturday 5 November.

Officers attended the scene and on arrival they found a 76-year-old man who had been seriously assaulted.

The man was treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospital where he is currently in a stable condition.

He has sustained a number of injuries including two dislocated shoulders.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information to come forward.

Detective Sergeant Kate Palin said: "I hope that these arrests provide reassurance to the local community, demonstrating that we are committed to doing all we can to tackle this type of crime.

"We have followed a number of extensive enquiries which has led to two local men being arrested, however this investigation remains very much ongoing.

"While our enquiries continue, I urge anyone who was in the Gresty Road or South Street area between 11.15pm and 11.45pm on Saturday 5 November and believes they may have witnessed the incident. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam footage.

"We're also keen to hear from any residents and businesses in the area with any CCTV footage which may aid our investigation.

"I'd urge anyone with any information in relation to the incident, no matter how small, to contact Cheshire police at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or on 101, quoting IML 1406330."

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

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