

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Winsford man jailed for sexual offences

A man from Winsford who groomed a teenage girl has been jailed for more than two years.

Michael Walker appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 2 December where he was sentenced to two years four months and given a 10-year restraining order. A Sexual Harm Prevention Order was also imposed.



The 45-year-old of Yellowhammer Crescent, Winsford, had previously been found guilty of nine counts of engaging in sexual activity with a child.

During the trial the court heard how Walker had groomed a teenage girl over a nine-month period.

The abuse began in August 2020 and ended in April 2021. She reported the case to Police in August 2021 leading to Walkers arrest.

Following questioning he was charged with eight counts of engaging in non-penetrative sexual activity with a child and one count of causing/ inciting a teenager to engage in non-penetrative sexual activity.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Herminder Hira, who led the investigation, said:

“I am pleased with the outcome of this case, and I hope that it provides reassurance to the victim and her family.

“It was apparent throughout the investigation that Walker is a sexual predator, he preyed on his victim’s vulnerabilities and had no regard for the effects his actions would have on the victim or her family.

“I would like to thank the victim for showing such bravery throughout this investigation, and her family for the support they have provided, both to their daughter and the investigation throughout.

“This has greatly assisted the police in bringing Walker to justice and helped to safeguard the wider community going forward.

“I also hope this case encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us. We treat reports of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any allegations will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority.”

If you have been a victim of sexual abuse, or know of someone who has, please call us on 101 or visit here.

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

Runcorn police hold free bike marking event in a bid to deter bike thieves

Police in Runcorn are holding a free bike marking event following a number of thefts of bikes in the area.

The event will take place between 12pm and 3pm on Saturday 3 December at The Trident and will see officers assisting local residents with bike marking to warn off potential thieves.

Officers are continuing to investigate the burglaries and thefts and a number of enquiries are underway to identify those responsible.

Chief Inspector Andy Blizzard said: “Due to a number of thefts of bikes over the last couple of weeks, we are urging cyclists to be vigilant and take extra security measures to protect their bikes.

“There are various ways people can protect their bikes from being stolen such as keeping it out of view and securely locked away when you’re at home and not leaving them in isolated or dimly lit places.

“Bike marking kits are also an excellent way to make it difficult for thieves to sell the bikes on, enabling officers to identify the owners of the stolen property so it can be easily returned.

“The free bike marking event will be a chance for residents to take action through preventative measures because a bike with a property marking will make it a less attractive target for thieves – it will also give the local community an opportunity to raise any concerns they have to officers.

“While we continue to investigate those who commit thefts and burglaries, we would urge residents to think about their security and review how they can improve it.

“If doors are unlocked, and bikes aren’t secure, it gives opportunistic thieves the chance to steal a bike or other valuable items from outbuildings or sheds- and with Christmas round the corner, it’s particularly important not to give them the chance. You can help us make it difficult for thieves by following a number of steps and denying them the opportunity to steal your hard-earned property.”

Tips on preventing shed or outbuilding burglaries:

- Check outbuildings, sheds and garages are locked and secure
- Keep windows shut when unoccupied
- Keep personal items such as bikes and gardening tools stored away and out of sight

- Invest in strong padlocks to fit to sheds and/or garages or have them fitted with an alarm
- CCTV is also an option to consider or security lights which come on when someone walks up it
- Look out for yourself and neighbours by reporting suspicious activity to police.

More advice can be found by visiting our website.

Anyone who may have any information about bikes being stolen should contact Cheshire Police on 101.

Information can also be passed on anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Widnes police make arrests in latest Operation Medusa deployment

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary and Merseyside Police joined forces on 29 November for Operation Medusa, an ongoing initiative to crackdown on county lines drug dealing and child criminal exploitation (CCE).

Following on from the success of the operation on 18 November, officers flooded the streets of Widnes and the main transport routes used by county lines drug dealers when travelling between Liverpool and Halton.

Inspector Thomas Hall, of Widnes Local Policing Unit said:

“We are seeing this method really have an impact on travelling criminals who cross borders to commit crime. This operation forms part of our ongoing commitment to make our town a hostile place for criminals, disrupt illegal activity and make Widnes a safer place for everyone.

“As well as catching criminals and seizing drugs, we wanted to identify and safeguard vulnerable adults and children who are controlled, coerced and manipulated into dealing drugs on behalf of organised crime gangs. By doing so we can offer them the support that they require and help to set them on the right path for a better life and move them away from crime.”

“Cheshire Constabulary will not tolerate county lines teams operating in our force area and makes every effort to pursue those that blight our communities with heroin and crack cocaine supply, which ruins lives, families and communities.”

Multiple stop checks were conducted as part of the operation, resulting in the arrest of a 16-year-old boy on suspicion of supplying heroin and crack cocaine. He has since been charged and remanded to appear at North Cheshire Magistrates on Thursday on 1 December 2022.

The arrests included –

- 1 adult male on suspicion of possession of a controlled drug, namely heroin and crack cocaine
- 1 adult male on suspicion of fraud by false representation for driving a clone motor vehicle
- 1 adult male on suspicion of driving under the influence of a controlled drug
- 1 juvenile male on suspicion of possession of a controlled drug with the intent to supply x 2 - heroin and crack cocaine

Inspector Hall added:

“While we continue to work with other forces and partner agencies to do everything in our power to protect local residents from serious and organised crime, we also need your help.

“We need you to be our eyes and ears by looking out for, and reporting, suspicious behaviour and signs of vulnerable children and adults being exploited.

“If you have any information that may help us to build more intelligence regarding county lines drug dealing, bring offenders to justice and keep vulnerable members of our communities safe then please get in touch. “Together we can take dangerous substances off our streets.”

Congleton day of action sees residents get range of advice and support

Congleton Local Policing Unit has joined forces with other agencies to disrupt and pursue those intent on committing crime in the town.

Local officers in the eastern area and other agencies came together four years ago to form the Cheshire East Serious and Organised Crime Board to find long-term solutions to improve the quality of life of those who may be living in fear of crime.

Since then, officers have been working with Cheshire East Council, The Safer Cheshire East partnership, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, social care, social landlords and probation, to name but a few.

There have been a number of successes, from securing convictions against County Lines drug dealers to safeguarding a number of vulnerable people being exploited by those involved in serious criminality.

The partners also visit communities in order to engage with residents and understand their experience of Serious and Organised crime during ‘days of action’.

On Wednesday 30 November members of the Cheshire East Serious and Organised Crime Board visited residents at home in the Bromley farm area of Congleton to request information and offer support and reassurance in relation to serious and organised crime activity, such as County Lines and criminal exploitation of vulnerable members of the community. In addition to this, support with hardship and fire safety was also offered.



Chief Inspector Duncan Gouck said:

“Today's event was about highlighting to residents the progress we're making in disrupting and pursuing those intent on committing crime and causing misery in the town. It has been a year since Congleton Local

Policing Unit was launched. Bringing the SOC day of action to Congleton is part of the increased focus on the needs of the area."

"We wanted to explain to local people that they too can play a part by arming themselves with the knowledge in how to spot the signs of County Lines criminal activity and what they can do about it - for instance by looking out for vulnerable neighbours who may have their homes taken over by drug dealers to use it as their base, leaving the resident living in fear.

"If we can work together to make Congleton a no-go area for County Lines drug dealing and anti-social behaviour connected to it, we can improve the quality of life of those who have been suffering at the hands of these criminals"

"We wanted to reassure residents that if you tell us there is a problem, we will take action. We do care and can help you, so please don't suffer in silence"

"We also need your help. You can play an important part in making where you live feel safer and make it clear to criminals that they aren't welcome here by being our eyes and ears and reporting crime."

Service Delivery Manager for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Matt Barlow said:

"The joint venture was really good to see. There was a broad range of advice on hand from our firefighters and our Prevention Team. They were there on the day carrying out Safe and Well visits to those who would most benefit from a visit. During the visit, residents were given the traditional fire safety information and smoke alarm fitting where necessary, as well as being given advice on slips, trips and falls and winter warmth safety advice."

Jill Broomhall the Chair of the Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP) said:

"Cheshire East Council is committed to working in Partnership to reduce levels of crime across the borough whilst providing reassurance and support to those residents most at risk of exploitation by criminal gangs. The Day of Action on Bromley Farm is another excellent example of all agencies working together to disrupt criminal activity and raise awareness around safely reporting concerns in their community."

Man charged following car thefts and burglaries in Ellesmere Port and Chester

Detectives investigating a series of burglaries and car thefts in Ellesmere Port and Chester have charged a man in connection with the incidents.

Kelvin Franklin, of Underwood Drive, Ellesmere Port was arrested on Wednesday 30 November.

The 21-year-old has since been charged with two counts of fraud by false representation, three counts of theft of a motor vehicle, one count of burglary and two counts of being concerned in the supply of a class A (heroin and crack cocaine).

He appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 1 December where he was remanded into custody; he is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 5 January 2023.

The charges relate to a series of burglaries and motor vehicle thefts in the Ellesmere Port and Chester areas.

Winsford man charged with drugs offences

A man from Winsford has been charged with offences following a warrant at an address in the town.

Joshua Furmedge was arrested on Monday 28 November after officers conducted a warrant at an address on Commonwealth Close.

The 29-year-old, of Commonwealth Close, Winsford, has since been charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of criminal property.

He appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 30 November where he was remanded in custody; he is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 4 January.

Two-day Chester operation sees arrests and drug seizures

Officers have removed more than £2,500 worth of class A drugs from the streets of Chester in a two-day operation.

On Tuesday 22 November and Wednesday 23 November, a number of officers from Chester Local Policing Unit (LPU), along with the passive drugs dog, were deployed to the city centre to disrupt those intent on bringing illegal substances into the county from surrounding areas.

Plain clothed officers were on hand to assist in the stop and search of 50 people over the two days.

Two men were arrested and later remanded for possession with intent to supply and eight stops resulted in community resolutions.

There were 12 referrals for rough sleepers made to housing providers and three sleeping encampments were removed.

One man was arrested on suspicion of public order and the other was arrested on recall to prison.

Chief Inspector Mike Ankers said:

"This operation is just one of many ways in which we are working to make Chester a safer place to work and visit.

"By targeting the supply of drugs into the city we are not only removing these drugs from our streets but also tackling other crime that surrounds this activity such as anti-social behaviour.

"We will be doing all we can to tackle criminality in our city and I would urge anyone who may have information on drug dealing to contact us."

Man from Crewe jailed for a number of sex offences

A man has been jailed after he admitted to sexually abusing a young girl in Crewe.

Martin Gill appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 18 November, where he was sentenced to ten years in prison.

The 49-year-old of Clair Street, Crewe, pleaded guilty to 15 offences following his appearance at Court.

In addition to his prison sentence, Gill was also ordered to sign the sex offenders register indefinitely.

The investigation, referred to as Operation Sideband, initially began following an incident on Wednesday 30 January 2019 when police were made aware that a category A indecent image had been uploaded to the internet.

Detectives were able to successfully identify the address of the user who had uploaded the image and on Sunday 5 May 2019, Gill was arrested, and a search was conducted at his home in Crewe.

Officers recovered a number of electronic devices during the raid which were later found to contain over 2000 indecent images of children and voyeuristic videos filmed covertly of teenage girls.

During questioning, Gill admitted to being part of group chats on the platform Kik, where the members would exchange indecent images of children.

While examining the devices, detectives discovered a folder of images and videos which were taken by Gill of a young girl in her school uniform.

Following extensive enquiries, detectives swiftly identified the victim who disclosed a number of sexual offences committed by Gill.

Gill was subsequently charged with a total of 15 offences and pleaded guilty to all offending.

Following his sentencing, Detective Superintendent Gavin Day said: *"Firstly, I would like to recognise the courage that the victim has shown throughout this investigation.*

"Gill is an extremely dangerous individual who was intent on sexually assaulting a young girl in order fulfil his own perverse sexual gratification.

"What he subjected the victim to was truly horrifying, not only that, but he left the victim thinking the case would go to trial before pleading guilty at the last minute.

"But thanks to the bravery of the victim, Gill is now finally being held accountable for his actions.

"I would also like to extend my thanks to Digital Forensic Investigator, Aaron Jones, on his exceptional work on what proved to be a very extensive and challenging investigation.

"I hope that this case encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us.

"Cheshire Constabulary treats all reports of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any reports will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority.

"Victims should never feel ashamed to talk about what they have been subjected to. They will receive the help and support they need from our specialist officers, as well as from other support agencies we work alongside, and all victims of sexual offences have the right to anonymity."

If you have been a victim of sexual abuse, or know of someone who has, please call us on 101 or visit the website.

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



Man jailed for dealing drugs in Ellesmere Port

A 22-year-old man from Ellesmere Port has been jailed after admitting dealing drugs.

Kyle Williams, of Colemere Court, Ellesmere Port appeared at Chester Crown Court on 24 November and pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs (cocaine) between 18 March 2022 and 7 October 2022.



He was sentenced to 45 months in prison for the drugs offence and three weeks custodial, to run concurrently, for resisting a constable in the execution of his duty.

Police intelligence identified that Williams was offering high quality cocaine to local customers using a mobile phone.

On 7 October Williams was arrested at a café in Station Road, Ellesmere Port after being spotted by a local officer.

Williams tried to lash out and flee but officers managed to complete the arrest and seized a mobile phone from him.

His phone was confirmed as a drugs phone, and he was subsequently charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

DC Stuart Wood said:

“I’d like to thank the officers and colleagues involved in this case as together we have taken another dealer off the streets, thwarting the sale of class A drugs in Ellesmere Port.

“We will continue in our fight against illegal drugs and would urge anyone who has any information on illegal drugs to contact police.”

Police launch annual operation to tackle delivery driver thefts



Cheshire Constabulary is this week launching its annual operation to support delivery drivers and couriers over the festive period.

With Christmas just weeks away and more people ordering online than ever before, officers will be visiting key locations across the county and engaging with delivery drivers to provide reassurance and offer key crime prevention advice.

This year’s operation will launch on Thursday 1 December and run until Saturday 31 December.

As part of the operation, plans have been put in place that will see both marked and unmarked police vehicles patrolling key routes and roads near to distribution centres across the county.

Detective Chief Inspector Clare Coleman, who is leading the operation, said:

“With more people choosing to order their Christmas presents online there are more delivery vehicles out on our streets than ever before.

“So far, here in Cheshire we have only seen a very small number of incidents involving thefts from couriers and delivery vehicles and we are committed to doing all we can to keep it this way.

“As part of this operation we’re also encouraging couriers to play their part by ensuring they take all the necessary steps to reduce their chances of becoming a victim.”

Delivery drivers are being urged to help play their part by following a number of simple steps to reduce the chances of falling foul of thieves.

The steps include –

Ensure your vehicle is in proper operating condition.

If you spot a suspicious vehicle following you, do not exit the vehicle, keep doors locked, keep moving, and call the police.

Agree a daily delivery plan with employers or, if independent, with a family member and check with them on a regular basis. If possible, when out delivering consider using alternative routes rather than always going the same way.

Ensure your mobile phone is fully charged.

If something does not look or feel right, do not make the delivery. Call your employer and explain the circumstances.

Be aware of your surroundings and avoid areas that are not well lit. Park under a streetlight if possible.

Carry a torch to illuminate dark areas and walkways.

If you feel threatened, activate the panic alarm on your vehicle to draw attention to the situation.

Always lock your vehicle - even if you are only leaving it for a short period of time. It would take a matter of seconds for a thief to get into your van and make off with something valuable.

If your vehicle has rear windows, consider darkening them to prevent passers-by from seeing what’s inside.

Make sure that no valuables are left on display when leaving your courier van (for any amount of time), and fully close all the windows.

Install a ‘Police follow this van’ sticker on your vehicle to make officers aware of who you are.

If you have a keyless van, consider using a key blocking pouch to prevent other people from accessing your vehicle while you are handing over parcels.

Consider installing a tracker – if the worst were to occur and your vehicle were to be stolen, a tracker would enable officers to quickly locate it.

Install additional security features – Doors are one of the most vulnerable areas on delivery vans and they can sometimes be forced open, so consider installing a stoplock or a slam lock to help make it harder for criminals to get inside your vehicle.

If an emergency occurs, remain at the scene only if it is safe. Dial 999 and wait for the police to arrive at the scene.

DCI Coleman added:

“As well as police, local residents also have a role to play by reporting any suspicious activity and always ensuring that somebody is at home when any parcels are delivered.

“By working together we can all help to reduce the chances of falling victim to these unscrupulous thieves, and help ensure everyone gets their deliveries this Christmas.”

Anyone looking to report any suspicious activity is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or online at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/> ,

In an emergency always dial 999.

Man tracked down by facial recognition jailed for voyeurism offence in Warrington

A registered sex offender who was tracked down by facial recognition technology after filming a teenage girl in public toilets in Warrington has been jailed.

Dorniel Nica, 28, of Cherry Road, Chester was sentenced to 36 weeks imprisonment at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 21 November.

He was also handed two restraining orders against two girls and ordered to pay court costs.

The court heard how on 2 October a teenage girl had been in a cubicle of public toilets in Golden Square Shopping Centre after feeling sick when she saw a hand holding a black iPhone coming from the underneath the neighbouring cubicle.

She believed the phone was recording and that there had been a man in the cubicle next to her as she could hear what she thought to be a man masturbating.

The girl's friend had gone to get her a drink of water and when she returned, they both left the toilet area but did not see the man.

They then approached two officers at Warrington Bus Station and told them what had happened.

The officers went to the toilets and searched the area but found no trace of the man.

After making further enquiries, the officers checked CCTV at the shopping centre. It showed a man entering the female toilets at 5.12pm and leaving at 5.55pm.

The man was then seen wandering around the shopping centre before leaving.

Officers took an image of the man from the CCTV and submitted it through Retrospective Facial Recognition software.

The search returned a match for Dorniel Nica and officers set about making enquiries as to his whereabouts.

Nica was arrested the following morning at an address in Warrington on suspicion of voyeurism. Nica was in possession of a mobile phone which was seized by police.

He was then subsequently charged with voyeurism and attempting to observe a person doing a private act.

Police Constable Wendy Whitehead, officer in the case, said: *“If it wasn’t for the bravery of the victim for approaching the first police officers she had seen we may not have been able to achieve the result we have done.*

“Thanks to the new technology available to us, we were able to identify Nica quickly and effectively, allowing us to make further enquiries and ascertain his whereabouts. This led us to get justice for Nica’s victims and put a prolific offender behind bars and off the streets of Cheshire.

“This result reinforces our commitment to tackling violence against women and girls, we will prevent, deter and take action against anyone who preys on women and girls.

“I hope this result will provide reassurance to the public and perhaps will allow others to have the courage and report incidents such as this to us.”





Rogue airport car park permanently closed thanks to work by local officers

A rogue meet and greet car park in Styal has been permanently closed thanks to work by local officers.

Earlier this year Cheshire Constabulary hosted Operation Cicero, as part of a multi-agency crackdown on rogue airport meet and greet car parking firms.

The operation took place in response to an increase in the number of holidaymakers reporting issues relating to car parks operating near Manchester Airport.

The incidents ranged from car thefts and criminal damage to motorists returning home to find that their cars have been driven hundreds, even thousands, of miles while they have been on holiday.

Many of the complaints related to a makeshift car part which had been set up in the grounds of a former country house at Lode Hill.

To help address the problems, more than 50 people took place in an operation on Tuesday 21 June which saw two multi-agency teams attend the site.

The teams, which included officers from both Cheshire Constabulary and Greater Manchester Police, along with partner agency staff, used their specialisms to identify any offences, while also sending a strong message to the businesses that they have the expertise to identify any wrongdoing and will prosecute where appropriate.

Following the operation, officers have continued to work closely with their partners to help address the issues and explore what action could be taken.

As part of this, the force has been in liaison with the owner of the Lode Hill site, who had agreed to remove the current tenants, meaning that the car park operating at the site will be permanently closed.

Inspector Andrew Baker, Beat Manager at Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said:

“This is an absolutely fantastic result both for holidaymakers and for the local community, and I would like to thank the owner of this site for their co-operation.

“The car park that was operating from the site was simply not fit for purpose and not what customers thought that they were paying for.

“Many people using this car park made their bookings through online comparison sites, believing that they were booking professional, secure airport parking which are linked to the airport.

“In reality, the Lode Hill site had no affiliation to the airport whatsoever, and the cars were simply dumped in muddy fields. Not only that, but the site also had a hugely detrimental impact on local the community.”

The final cars parked at Lode Hill were removed from the site last week and the owner of the land has now taken responsibility for the site.

Inspector Baker added:

“While this car park has now been closed, there are still other rogue car parks operating in the region.

“Therefore, I would encourage anyone who is planning their holiday and looking to book a parking slot, to do their research, choose a reputable company and always book through an official website and don’t just go for the cheapest option.”

A Manchester Airport spokesperson added:

“We are grateful to Cheshire Constabulary and its partner agencies for the work they are doing to tackle this issue and will continue to work with them to raise awareness of the risks posed by booking airport parking through these unscrupulous companies.

“In addition to our own official parking products, there are a number of reliable and reputable third-party providers located near the airport and we would always urge passengers to do their research before handing over their keys.

“We encourage customers to use initiatives such as Park Mark and the government-backed Buy with Confidence scheme to find a provider that has undergone a series of detailed checks and is committed to trading fairly.”

Three teenagers bailed following incident in Congleton town centre

Three people who were arrested following an incident in Congleton town centre have now been bailed.

At around 3.55pm on Saturday 26 November, officers asked the driver of a silver Volkswagen Golf to pull over on Mountbatten Way, Congleton.

The vehicle failed to stop and turned into Market Street and went on to drive down the pedestrianised area of Bridge Street while a market was taking place.

The incident caused alarm and distress to shoppers, but fortunately there were no injuries.

Officers quickly attended and three people were arrested nearby.

The three suspects, two 16-year-old boys and a 15-year-old girl, were all arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle and dangerous driving.

All three have since been released on conditional bail.

The incident is not being treated as terrorist related and enquiries remain ongoing.

Inspector Jim Adams, of Congleton Local Policing Unit, said: *“I understand the concern that this incident is likely to have caused in the local and I would like to reassure residents that this is not being treated as a terrorist incident.*

“We will continue to have increased patrols in the area and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer.

“The three teenagers who were arrested in relation to the incident have now been released on conditional bail while we conduct further enquiries.

“As part of our investigation we would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident and saw the occupants fleeing the vehicle.

“The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or video footage of the incident.”

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1422052, information can also be reported online at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us .

Family pay tribute following Disley collision

The family of a 54-year-old woman who died following a collision in Disley have paid tribute to her.

Sheila Pixton, from Disley, was a pedestrian involved in a collision with a tipper truck.

The incident occurred at around 11.35am on Monday 17 October, at the petrol station, on Buxton Road, where Sheila worked as a cleaner.

Sadly, despite the best efforts of those involved, Sheila passed away.

Her family are being supported by specialist officers.

Her family have paid the following tribute to her:

“Sheila will be greatly missed by all those who knew her. We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to members of the public and the North West Ambulance Service who assisted in providing care to Sheila. We will always remember this.”

The driver of the truck, a 50-year-old man from Disley, was arrested on suspicion of causing death by careless driving. He has since been released under investigation, pending further enquiries.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following serious assault in Malpas

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious assault in Malpas.

Shortly after 6.10pm on Monday 28 November, the victim, a 16-year-old boy, was assaulted on Tilston Road, Malpas.

The offender then fled the scene on foot.

As a result of the attack, the victim sustained injuries to his face and neck.

An 18-year-old man has since been arrested on suspicion of assault.

Detectives are now asking members of the public who may have witnessed the incident to come forward.

Detective Sergeant Paul Davis said: "This attack has left a boy with serious injuries, and we are committed to doing all we can to establish the circumstances leading up to the incident.

"As part of our enquiries we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time and believes they may have witnessed the incident.

"The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or video footage which may aid the investigation.

"I'd urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to get in touch."

Anyone with information or video footage which may aid the investigation is asked to visit the website, or call 101, quoting IML 1423620.

Information can also be reported to Crimestoppers, anonymously, by calling 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information after high value painting stolen by burglars in Goostrey

Officers are appealing for information and video footage after a high value painting was stolen during a burglary in Cheshire.

The painting, which measures approximately 5' by 6', was taken some time between Sunday 13 November and Tuesday 15 November, when unknown offenders broke into an address on Main Road, Goostrey.

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

They have also released a photograph of the painting and want to hear from anyone who believes they may know where the painting could be.

Police Constable Ruth Rhodes, of Congleton's Local Policing Unit, said: "Burglary is a serious offence in which victims are targeted in their own home, which is the place they should be able to feel most safe.

"Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and we want to speak to anyone with any information in relation to the burglary.

"We also want to hear from anyone who thinks they may have information regarding the whereabouts of the painting, which has particularly sentimental value to the victim, who is understandably devastated by this incident."

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the investigation should contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or visit the website, quoting IML 1413341.

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



Police are appealing for information to trace wanted man from Crewe

Officers are appealing for information to locate a man from Crewe.

Peter Turner, 52, is wanted on prison recall.

He is described as 5'8" tall of a proportionate build and has shaven dark brown hair.

He is known to frequent the Crewe area.

Anyone who sees Turner or has information regarding his whereabouts is asked to report it [via the website](#), quoting 22000865528 or call Cheshire Constabulary on 101.

Alternatively, information can be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111



Appeal for information following Warrington assault

Police are appealing for information from the public after a woman was assaulted in Warrington.

At 7.19am on Wednesday 30 November Police were called to reports that a woman had been assaulted at the junction of Norris Street and Hallfields Road, in Orford.

The caller reported that an unknown man had approached a woman and touched her inappropriately.

The victim shouted for help and the suspect ran off in the direction of Smith Drive.

The suspect was described as a young man and around 5' 6" tall, he was wearing a dark tracksuit and a dark puffer jacket.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are appealing for anyone with any information to get in touch.

Detective Sergeant Rob Massey said:

"I understand the concern that this incident is likely to cause, and I would like to reassure residents that we are doing all we can to trace the person responsible.

"The victim in the case is being provided with specialist support and as part of our investigation we're keen to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the incident.

"The same goes for anyone with any dashcam or CCTV footage which may aid our investigation."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 1424600.

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

Officers appeal for information following burglary in Warrington

Officers are appealing for information and video footage following a burglary at a property in Warrington.

Sometime between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on Friday 18 November, three unknown offenders entered the garden of an address on Firs Lane, Appleton.

Two of the men waited outside, while the third man climbed the drainpipe and entered the property through the upstairs window— all while the family ate dinner downstairs.

Once inside a search was made and a quantity of high value jewellery was taken.

It is believed that the offenders may have then fled the scene in a vehicle.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are now asking anyone who may have any information to get in touch.

Detective Constable Rob Catterall said: *"Burglary is a particularly distressing crime where victims are targeted in their own home, a place where they should feel most safe.*

"I would like to reassure residents that we are doing all we can to establish the identities of these criminals and bring them to justice.

"A number of enquiries are underway to find those responsible for this incident and as part of my investigation I would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed anything suspicious in the area at the time of the incident.

"The same goes for anyone who may have CCTV footage or dashcam footage from around the Firs Lane, Field Lane and Windmill Lane areas of Appleton around the time of the incident."

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police by reporting it [via the website](#) or call 101 quoting 1416037.

Information can also be provided to Crimestoppers anonymously via 0800 555 111.

Renewed appeal for Northwich man who has been missing for two weeks

Police are today marking two weeks since 42-year-old Russell Tomlinson went missing in Northwich.

Russell was last seen at around 11.30pm on Friday 18 November on London Road, Northwich, near to the Deaf centre, walking in the direction of Kingsmead, but has not been seen since.

We do not believe he continued towards Leftwich or Kingsmead but cannot completely rule this out at this time.

He is described as 6'3" tall with blue eyes, of a medium build and with short dark hair which is receding at the front.

We believe he may have been wearing jeans, trainers and a black puffer padded coat when he went missing.

Officers investigating his disappearance have continued to provide support to Russell's family and have investigated numerous sightings reported to police.

Inspector Jason Murray of Northwich Local Policing Unit said: "Despite an already extensive investigation and search operation since he went missing, Russell's whereabouts are still not established.

"Officers are continuing to act on any reports which could lead to Russell being found, he still remains a missing person, and specialist search officers have been and will continue to search the local area.

"We have maintained regular contact with Russell's family and are supporting them in this worrying time. Russell is a beloved son, brother and uncle and the last two weeks have been a long and difficult time for his family.

"Our efforts will carry on to locate Russell, and I am asking any members of the public to contact us if they have any information which may help us to find him.

"Whilst we have and will continue extensive house to house enquiries, I would ask that if anyone has a Ring doorbell or CCTV particularly in the Leftwich, Kingsmead, Castle and Hartford areas, that they check it from 11.30pm onwards on Friday 18 November, in case it has captured any critical footage that may lead us to Russell.

"We also want to take this opportunity to thank members of the public who have continued to do all they can to raise awareness of Russell's disappearance and provide support to his family."

If you have any information, please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1416611.



Appeal for information following fatal collision on M6

Officers are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage following a fatal collision on the M6.

At around 5.15pm on Friday 2 December officers were called to the M6 between junction 16 to junction 17 northbound at Sandbach following reports of a collision involving a HGV, a Volkswagen Polo, a Peugeot 107 and a BMW.

A passenger in the Polo, a 19-year-old woman from Dudley, was taken to hospital with serious and life-threatening injuries but, despite best efforts of all involved, has since passed away.

The driver and another passenger in the Polo, two men in their 20s, remain in hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the HGV, a 27-year-old man from Rossendale, was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

He has since been bailed pending further enquiries.

Officers are now appealing for anyone with information or dashcam footage from around the time of the collision to come forward.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is urged to contact Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website quoting IML 1426483 or call 101.

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