

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Latest Cheshire News

Man jailed for causing serious injuries to a child.

A man who caused serious injuries to a child has been jailed.

Patryk Zebrowski appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 8 December where he was sentenced to three years and six months in prison.

The 29-year-old from Ellesmere Port, had previously been convicted of causing/ allowing a child to suffer serious physical harm.

Zebrowski was also handed an eight year restraining order.

During the trial the court heard how the child, who cannot be identified, suffered multiple injuries while in the care of Zebrowski.

The injuries, which included multiple rib and leg fractures, are believed to have occurred between March and April 2021 and only came to light in April 2021 after they were discovered by doctors child was taken to hospital.

Following the discovery, a detailed investigation was undertaken by Detective Sergeant Leanne Bowes from Ellesmere Port CID, who compiled a compelling case file of evidence which resulted in Zebrowski's conviction.

Detective Inspector Lorna Hutcheon said:

"Zebrowski is a coward and he deserves to be behind bars."

"The pain and suffering that the child must have endured is something that nobody should ever have to experience, let alone a child who had no way of defending themselves."

"While the child has now recovered from their injuries, the effects of Zebrowski's actions will impact them for the rest of their lives."



Officers and PCSOs helping to make Crewe's roads safer

The Crewe Beat Management East and South block has stepped up its considerable efforts to make the town's roads safer.

The team's multi-faceted road safety operation progressed to two days of enforcement action last month, with pleasing results.

Operation to tackle speeding, parking, MOT, road tax and insurance offences on Saturday 19 November

Sydney Road, Crewe: 437 vehicles checked, 21 activations of speed exceeding 35mph.

Crewe Road, Winterley, Sandbach: 136 vehicles checked, seven activations of speed exceeding 35mph.

Crewe Road, Haslington: 120 vehicles checked, no activations of speed exceeding 35mph.

Bradfield Road, Crewe: 279 vehicles checked, four activations of speed exceeding 35mph.

As well as the total of 972 vehicles being checked and 32 activations of speed exceeding 35mph, a further 84 vehicles were run through the Vehicle Smart app to check for MOT, road tax and insurance offences.

Operation to tackle speeding and parking offences on Wednesday 30 November

Parking patrols were conducted with the assistance of children from three primary schools in Crewe (Vine Tree Primary School, Hungerford Primary Academy and St Mary's Catholic Primary School).

A speed enforcement operation was conducted with assistance from children at Mablins Lane Community Primary School in Crewe.

The results were:

Vine Tree Primary School: Ten Children's Parking Advisories (and words of advice) given.

Hungerford Primary Academy: Four Children's Parking Advisories (and words of advice) and two Police Parking Advisories given.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School: Seven Children's Parking Advisories (and words of advice) and two Police Fixed Penalty Notices given.

Mablins Lane Community Primary School: Two Police Fixed Penalty Notices given.

A total of 17 children were involved in the day of enforcement action.

Other aspects of the block's multi-faceted road safety operation

Operation Bike Lights: This has been supported by Crewe Town Council, who gave £500 in funding for the block to buy 100 bike lights from Halfords in Crewe. The lights are being given to local cyclists to make Crewe's roads safer. Members of the block have visited local businesses and given lights to their employees who cycle to work. They have also handed out lights to cyclists for free whilst out on patrol. They follow the four Es of 'engage', 'explain', 'educate' and 'enforce', meaning that a ticket may be issued if a cyclist they encounter does not have an obligatory cycle lamp fitted.

Operation Bike Helmet: This has been supported and funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer. Years five and six of all primary schools in Crewe have been involved, with them being given the opportunity to design a bicycle helmet. A child's design from each school will be picked as the winning designs. The winners, who will be chosen in January, will receive a helmet with their design on from the Hobbycraft arts and crafts store in Crewe.

The multi-faceted road safety operation continues

Further days of enforcement action have already been planned for December, January and February.

They will again take place in the Crewe East and South areas.

All primary schools in those areas will become involved in the operation.

Crewe Beat Management Inspector Andy Smith said:

"Our East and South block is working together as a team to make Crewe's roads safer for all members of the community.

"The team is also working alongside local schools and the local council.

"By engaging with road users, explaining to them the laws around speeding, parking, MOTs, road tax, insurance, bicycle helmets and bike lights and educated them on the importance of adhering to those laws for their and other road users' safety, our officers and PCSOs are making a concerted effort to keep our roads and community's safe.

"They take enforcement action when necessary, and the results of the road safety operation to date are pleasing.

"They will continue to carry out enforcement days in the Crewe East and South areas, and to involve local primary school children in them – children need to be made aware of the importance of road safety both for now and for when they are driving themselves in the future."



Man charged after three police officers assaulted in Chester

A man has been charged following an assault on three police officers.

Patrick Nevin, 33, Granville Road, Chester was charged with three counts of assaulting an emergency services worker and a public order offence.

He has been remanded into custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 8 December.

The charges relate to an assault on Granville Road, Chester on 6 December.

Man charged following Warrington stranger rape

Detectives investigating the rape of a woman at her home in Warrington have charged a man in connection with the incident.

Petrus-Ionut Apostoae was arrested on Monday 5 December.

The 24-year-old of Gorse Lane, Warrington, has since been charged with two counts of rape and one count of burglary.

Apostoae has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Wednesday 7 December.

The charges relate to an incident at an address on Orford Lane on Sunday 2 October.

Two Northwich men jailed following ATM attacks in Holmes Chapel, Helsby and Weaverham

Two men have been jailed following a series of ATM attacks across the east and west of Cheshire.

Robert Lowe, 30, from Wessex Drive, Rudheath and Tristan Tighe, 22, from Dunham Road, Northwich, were both sentenced to five years each for conspiracy to steal.

The pair were found guilty of the offence following a week-long trial which concluded at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 22 November.

The offences happened between 1 September 2019 and 10 January 2020.

The court heard how the pair targeted ATM machines using stolen diggers and other vehicles adapted to transport the stolen ATM machines.

Their rampage began on 9th October 2019 when they removed a cash machine at McColl's, London Road, Holmes Chapel, and stole a large amount of cash.

The pair also conducted two failed attacks at cash machines outside the Tesco superstore on Chester Road, Helsby, on 2 September 2019, and Tesco Express, on Northwich Road, Weaverham, on 10 January 2020.

They left empty handed on both occasions but caused extensive damage to the stores.

The suspects were identified and arrested as part of a complex investigation conducted by DC Kusiar, DS Scott Graves, PC Matt Uren and Analyst Jennie Hull which included evidence obtained from forensics linking the men to the scenes, stolen diggers and several of the adapted vehicles.

Officers also recovered CCTV footage of Lowe walking away from an adapted transit van with a large hole cut in the roof which he dumped in Lower Whitley, near Northwich, on 10 January, following the failed attack in Weaverham.

Over the course of that month the two were arrested as the officers closed in on the gang with their extensive enquiries.

DC Jessica Kusiar from Eastern CID said: "A significant amount of cash was stolen and property was damaged by these men.

"The offenders used stolen vehicles in an attempt to conceal their activity, but officers worked tirelessly to uncover their crimes and bring them to justice, using telecoms, forensics and CCTV to link them to individual offences."



Robert Lowe



Tristan Tighe

Cheshire Police will not stand for anyone intent on committing crime or causing harm this Christmas

Cheshire police is issuing a clear warning to anyone thinking of committing crime or causing harm across the county this Christmas - that officers will take action.

The warning comes as the Constabulary launches a month-long operation which will see officers targeting perpetrators of anti-social behaviour, violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and drink and drug driving – particularly focussing on night-time economy hot spot areas with high impact policing activity.

Police will also be educating the public on the consequences of their actions with a high visibility campaign.

The campaign will show the public a possible two options on how they can spend their Christmas – either having a good time celebrating with family and friends, or a lonely one locked up and spent with officers – leaving them with the choice on how they are going to spend theirs.

The takeaway message - if you choose to commit crime or cause harm in Cheshire then you will be made to face the consequences of your actions.

The campaign will be visible across the county with enhanced activity in hot spot night-time economy areas – and the important messages flooding the streets of Warrington and Chester in particular.



Head of local policing for Cheshire Constabulary, Chief Superintendent Peter Crowcroft, said:

“We want people to have a great Christmas with friends and family, but we absolutely will not stand for anyone intent on causing harm in our communities and ruining it for everyone else – and having too much alcohol is not an excuse for unacceptable behaviour.”

“We want people to see our campaign and make the right choice. If you behave safely and responsibly you can have a great Christmas. However, if you choose to commit crime - even after we have warned you on the consequences of doing so - then you will have no-one to blame but yourself.

“It is not ok for good people to suffer at the hands of criminals - especially at Christmas - and there is no place in Cheshire for people to commit crime and cause harm.”

There will be extra measures put in place across Cheshire to help keep people safe.

High visibility operations will take place throughout December in targeted areas across the county with local officers doing all they can to ensure communities are free from criminal activity.

There will also be specially trained officers deployed to identify and tackle predatory behaviours such as harassment, loitering without reason and stalking behaviour.

Partnership safety buses will be stationed across the county to provide valuable support to those who feel vulnerable or need assistance.

With support from specialist units within the Constabulary, officers will also be working hard to locate outstanding offenders and capture individuals wanted on recall to prison, ‘fail to appear’ warrants and any outstanding offences – making sure they are made to face the consequences of their actions.

Chief Superintendent Crowcroft, added:

“I want to reassure people that we remain resolute in our pursuit of those who believe they are above the law and will make sure they are held accountable for the crimes they have committed, and the harm they have caused.

“Our streets are safe, our roads are safe, our night-time economy is safe – until someone makes it not safe. This is not something we are going to accept in Cheshire, and we will do all we can to prevent and disrupt crime occurring in the county.”

Chief Constable, Mark Roberts commented;

“Cheshire is not the place to carry out criminal behaviour, we won’t stand for it, and we do our utmost to arrest and prosecute those intent on creating misery and upset for others, especially at Christmas. We have officers out and about across the festive period, and many more supporting behind the scenes to ensure that the good people of Cheshire can have an enjoyable and safe time celebrating. We also have many officers working in our custody suites so, to those that are intent on committing crime, we very much look forward to welcoming you into our cells this Christmas.”

John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner said:

“The messaging behind this Christmas campaign is so important and the Constabulary's stance is very clear: if you choose to commit crime or harm in Cheshire then you will be made to face the consequences of your actions, which is a stance I firmly share.

“I hope everyone in Cheshire has a happy and safe Christmas and those looking for a fresh start can turn over a new leaf in 2023.”

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