

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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### Cheshire News & Appeals



## Latest Cheshire News

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### Man jailed following attempted rape of woman in Warrington



## **A man has been jailed following an attempted rape of a woman in Warrington.**

Damola Olateju appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 12 December where he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

The 37-year-old of Padgate Lane, Warrington, was found guilty of attempted rape at an earlier hearing. A jury found him not guilty of two counts of rape.

The court heard how a woman had attended a party in Warrington in the early hours of 20 December 2020 and believed that she had been spiked.

She disclosed that she believed she had also been raped as she had bruising over her body.

The victim was able to provide some names of people who had been at the party and an investigation began.

Officers identified Olateju as being at the party and arrested him on New Year's Day 2021.

A deleted video was recovered from his mobile phone which showed him trying to persuade the victim to have sex with him while she is heard to repeatedly say 'stop it' and 'get off me'.

In questioning Olateju had stated sex was consensual, but admitted that in the video he was 'probably trying to have sex with her'.

He was subsequently charged in connection with the incident.

Detective Constable Rob Catterall said: *"I would like to praise the courage of the victim in this case for coming forward and it is because of her that we have got the result we have today.*

*"We will do all we can to listen to victims of sexual offences and I hope that this sentence proves that we will follow every avenue open to us in order to bring perpetrators to justice.*

*"I hope that this sentence will bring comfort to the victim knowing that Olateju will be behind bars for his actions."*

You can report a sexual offence by calling 101 or via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

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### **Update – Six people charged following high value burglary series**

Detectives investigating a series of high-value burglaries in Cheshire have now charged six people in connection with the incidents.

All six defendants were arrested earlier this year as part of an investigation into 12 burglaries.

The defendants have now been charged with the following offences -

- Ryan Beevers, 33, Shadowmoss Road, Wythenshawe – Charged with conspiracy to commit burglary, Conspiracy to Acquire / Use / Possess Criminal Property (Money Laundering)
- Lyndsey Entwistle, 47, of Shadowmoss Road, Wythenshawe – Charged with conspiracy to commit burglary, possession of criminal property, Conspiracy to Acquire / Use / Possess Criminal Property (Money Laundering)
- William Bate, 44, of Pendeen Close, Manchester – Charged with conspiracy to commit burglary
- Jonathan Bruton, 32, of 50 Croftlands Road, Wythenshawe - Charged with conspiracy to commit burglary
- Caine McConville, 25, of HMP Altcourse – Charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and handling stolen goods.
- Avis Phillips of Shadowmoss Road, Wythenshawe – Charged with Conspiracy to Acquire / Use / Possess Criminal Property (Money Laundering)

All six defendants have appeared at Magistrates’ Court and are set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 21 December.

The charges relate to a series of burglaries in Prestbury, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Over Peover, Goostrey, Warrington and Bramhall.

The incidents occurred between February 2022 and June 2022.

### **UPDATE - Man charged in connection with cannabis farm in Crewe**

Officers investigating a cannabis farm in Crewe have now charged a man in connection with the discovery. Marcin Lisiecki was arrested at around 4pm on Monday 12 December after officers attended an address on Ruskin Road.

The 37-year-old, of Ruskin Road, Crewe, has now been charged with being concerned in the production of class B drugs.

Lisiecki has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Wednesday 14 December.

### **Macclesfield officers working hard to help keep residents safe this Christmas**

Officers from Macclesfield Local Policing Unit (LPU) were out in force last weekend as part of an operation to help keep residents safe this Christmas.

The operation began on Friday 9 December, when officers from Macclesfield and Knutsford Beat Team, supported by the Special Constabulary and police dog Barney, visited pubs and clubs in Macclesfield, Knutsford, Poynton and Disley.

Licencing checks were conducted at nine premises, with the full support of all the licensees, and all was found to be in order.

PD Barney was also kept busy, with five people found in possession of illegal drugs (three with cannabis and two with cocaine).

All five offenders were dealt with at the scene and the drugs were seized and will now be destroyed.



Following the successful operation on Friday night, officers were out on the streets again on Sunday 11 December, when they visited Macclesfield town centre to engage with residents and remind them about the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which is now in place in the town.

The order, which was implemented by Cheshire East Council following a referral from the Constabulary came into force on 18 July 2022, means that it is now an offence to refuse to hand alcohol over to an officer when requested to do so.

The PSPO also bans people from urinating in public. Anyone who breaches the order faces a heavy fine of up to £1,000.



Inspector Christian Watkins, of Macclesfield LPU said:

*"We're committed to doing all we can to keep residents safe this Christmas and will use all of the tools available to us to achieve our goal."*

*"While the vast majority of people we engaged with over the weekend were behaving safely and responsibly, there were a small number of people who were found in possession of illegal drugs, and they have all been dealt with."*

*"I would like to thank all the licensees and residents that we spoke to for their cooperation and I hope that this weekend's activity provided some reassurance to the local community by demonstrating that we were working hard to keep them safe."*

*"The message is clear; we will not stand for any drugs related offences or anti-social behaviour in Cheshire this Christmas."*

If you have seen, or know of any drug activity taking place in Cheshire, please contact Cheshire Police via [Something you've seen or heard | Cheshire Constabulary](#) .

Information can be provided to Crimestoppers charity, anonymously, by calling 0800 555 111 or visit [Give information | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

To learn how to spot the signs of all types of drug activity visit [Impact | Cheshire Constabulary](#) .

Information in relation to the Public Spaces Protection Order in Macclesfield can be found at [Public Spaces Protection Orders \(PSPO's\) \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](#)



### **Cheshire Constabulary takes part in national operation to tackle neighbourhood crime**

Officers from Cheshire Police are taking part in a national operation this week to help tackle neighbourhood crime.

Operation Calibre runs until 17 December with a focus on preventing and reducing street robbery.

As part of #OpCalibre we've been visiting local businesses to provide advice on preventing crime and are handing out leaflets with handy hints on keeping your new mobile phones safe from thieves.

We've also been patrolling hotspot areas and areas with high footfall to disrupt thieves.



Detective Chief Inspector Justin Hancock said:

*“Thankfully the number of street robberies in Cheshire is relatively low, and that’s the way we want to keep it, which is why it’s so important we support this national campaign to highlight valuable prevention advice and engage in initiatives to prevent crime.*

*“Officers have been patrolling hotspot areas to disrupt potential thieves and have been visiting schools and businesses to spread the message about keeping you and your valuables safe.*

*“With the shorter days and longer nights, opportunist thieves have the cover of darkness to their advantage, so it’s important to be vigilant when you’re out and keep phones or wallets and purses out of sight. Don’t give thieves a chance and if you see something suspicious contact police.”*

## **Cheshire Constabulary ranked 25th in the Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers List**

Cheshire Constabulary has been ranked 25th in the Inclusive Top 50 Employers list for 2022 – 2023.

The list is comprised of the UK’s most inclusive employers and was announced at the Inclusive Awards on Thursday 1 December.

Now in its seventh year, the list acknowledges and ranks organisations which are the most consistent throughout the whole tenure of their business and encompass all types of diversity and inclusion.

Head of People officer, Nicola Bailey, said: "I am proud to announce that, for the sixth year running, Cheshire Constabulary have been named as one of the top UK employers for work-based inclusivity.

"This was the most competitive year to date which saw seven other police forces being ranked alongside Cheshire and despite this, Cheshire Constabulary were ranked 4th in the top police forces on the index.

"Our position in the Top 50 reflects our ongoing commitments to creating an inclusive space so that our employees are able to perform to the best of their abilities.

"We continue to up our efforts in finding new ways in which we can make our workplace feel more inclusive so that everyone is treated like a valued member of Cheshire Constabulary.

"I am truly committed to this cause and will continue to strive towards bettering our workplace to ensure we remain a top employer of choice."

Cheshire Constabulary have made a significant effort to celebrate diversity and to ensure best practice is being carried out among staff members.

A number of initiatives are underway which demonstrate the importance of the inclusivity agenda such as the active staff support networks, internal dyslexia screening and Inclusion Ally scheme.

The force has previously been recognised for the positive steps taken towards inclusion and diversity through achievements like the British Dyslexia Association SMART Award and the Disability Confident Leader reaccreditation granted in June 2021.

Founder and CEO of Inclusive Companies, Paul Sesay, is very clear in the intent of the Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers, saying: "The independent advisory panel of Diversity & Inclusion experts review and analyse each and every submission.

"They look at all areas of diversity, including age, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, LGBTQ+ and religion.

"Those organisations who have participated submit a great wealth of evidence regarding their inclusive practices, covering a wide range of areas and topics, and it is from this that the experts determine the Top 50 Inclusive employers.

"Entries are growing each year and submissions are from a very wide range of employers: IT companies to NHS Trusts; police forces to The Open University and utility organisations to building societies.

"There were many new organisations entering the 2022 list including: Allianz, Transunion, Humberside Police, Rolls-Royce, Lincolnshire Police, Novuna, Canon, Police Now, Open University, CGI, Crown Commercial and NielsenIQ.

"The intention is for it to grow further as more organisations seek to embody best practice in diversity and inclusion.

"Inclusive Companies helps organisations create cultural transformation through a 'hearts and mind' approach to increase social inclusion and empowerment with the intention of embedding DEI into everything they practice as an essential ingredient."

The full Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers Index can be found by visiting the website. [2022/2023 Rankings | Inclusive Companies](#)

### **Update: Eight people charged following series of raids in Halton and Merseyside**

Detectives from Cheshire Constabulary have charged eight people following a series of successful raids. On Wednesday 14 December, 200 officers from across the force – supported by Merseyside Police, conducted searches at fourteen homes in Runcorn, Widnes, and Merseyside.

Thirteen people were arrested, including two who were produced from prison, and following questioning, eight have been charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

All eight were remanded into custody and are set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court.

The following six defendants are set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Thursday 15 December:

David Keegan, 51, of Nortonwood Lane, Runcorn.

Samantha Bushell, 35, of Mooring Close, Runcorn

Stephen Redmond, 21, of Talisman Close, Runcorn.

Anthony Pike, 52, of Hitchens Close, Runcorn.

Darren Garbe, 22, of Fenton Green, Liverpool.

Zackarey Rizzotti, 20, of St Andrew Road, Liverpool.

The following two defendants are set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Friday 16 December:

Scott Doran, 34, HMP Altcourse.

Marcus Pike, 21, HMP Altcourse.

The remaining five defendants have been released on conditional bail.



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

## **Merseyside man jailed following a series of car and key burglaries in Cheshire and Lancashire**

A man from Merseyside who carried out a series of car and key burglaries in Warrington and Clacton-le-Moors has been jailed.

Jake Mawhinney appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 5 December where he was sentenced to four-years in prison.

The 23-year-old, of no fixed abode, but from Bootle, had earlier pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit burglary.

The court heard how over a five-day period, between 20 March and 24 March 2022, Mawhinney, carried out four offences across the region.

His crime-spree began on Sunday 20 March when he broke into an address on Paynter Close, Clacton-le-Moors, and stole an Audi from the property.

Then, on Monday 21 March, Mawhinney travelled to Warrington where he broke into an address on Warrington Road and stole the keys for a car parked on the driveway, but he was unable to take the vehicle as it was blocked in by other cars.

Undeterred, he broke into an address on Manchester Road, Warrington, and stole a Volkswagen Golf.

His final offence occurred on Wednesday 23 March, when he broke into an address on Limetree Avenue, Warrington, and stole a Mercedes AMG from the property.

Mawhinney's downfall came after officers recovered ANPR and mobile phone data which linked him to the offences.

He was arrested on Wednesday 8 June and subsequently charged in connection with the incident.

Following his sentencing, Police Constable Neil Mooney said:

*"Mawhinney is a prolific offender and I welcome the sentence that has been handed to him by the courts.*

*"Burglary is a horrific offence, to wake up and find that an intruder has been inside your home, the one place we should all be able to feel safe, is something that nobody should have to experience.*

*“Thankfully, as a result of the evidence we gathered, Mawhinney had no option but to plead guilty to the offences and he is now facing the consequences of his actions.*

*“I hope the fact that his sentencing gives some closure to his victims, and the local community.*

*“I also hope that this case acts as a warning to others who are looking to come to Cheshire to commit crime.”*



**Convicted burglar has home taken from him under Proceeds of Crime Act**



A convicted burglar who was jailed for more than eight years has had his home taken from him under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).

At the hearing, on 16 November, a judge ruled that Thomas Mee had benefitted from his crimes to the sum of £586,117.36.

The court ordered Mee to pay £249,012.17 within the next three months - or face a further two years imprisonment.

This sum has been determined from equity in Mee's home in Liverpool, which will need to be sold, along with cash, jewellery, designer clothing and funds from bank accounts.



Mee was sentenced to eight years and seven months imprisonment at Chester Crown Court on Friday 31 July 2020.

The 45-year-old was part of a gang who stole more than £600,000 after committing at least 14 burglaries at addresses in Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Worcestershire, Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire between November 2018 and October 2019.

The group specifically targeted homes in affluent rural locations and stole high value watches, designer handbags and jewellery worth more than half-a-million pounds.

Cheshire's Serious and Organised Crime Unit began an investigation into the gang and began piecing together a raft of evidence which linked the trio to burglaries across Goostrey, Neston, Allostock, Mere, Chelford and Lymm.

Mee's downfall came on 5 October 2019 when police received a 999 call from a resident in Prestbury reporting that a family member had disturbed intruders at their Macclesfield Road home.

He was arrested while attempting to flee the property and subsequently charged him with the burglaries.

He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to burgle and three counts of handling stolen goods.

A spokesperson from Cheshire Constabulary's SOCU said: *"This is the perfect example of how crime does not pay and shows the lengths we will go to in order to target those who have profited from crime."*

*“Not only was Mee handed a lengthy prison sentence, but he also now must pay back every penny he made from his illegal exploits.*

*“POCA orders allow us to recoup all of criminal’s benefit from crime - by not only ensuring that criminals are locked behind bars, we are able to also ensure that they cannot enjoy any money received once a sentence is served.*

*“This money will now be repaid to the victims and will not be ploughed back into criminality.*

*“We will do all we can to ensure that criminals operating in Cheshire are unable to profit from their crimes and will work with our partners and the Crown Prosecution Service to use all available powers at our disposal.”*

### **Three arrested and drugs seized as part of Operation Medusa in Warrington**

Cheshire Constabulary joined forces with Merseyside Police to tackle cross-border drug activity and child criminal exploitation (CCE) in the latest phase of Operation Medusa.

On Friday 9 December, officers targeted the streets of Warrington, working to disrupt and deter criminal activity in the town centre and main transport routes across the border.

This action saw three men arrested for drug offences, a number of traffic offence reports issued and a quantity of drugs seized.

The arrests include:-

- A 29-year-old man arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B. He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.
- A 38-year-old man on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A. He has since been bailed pending further enquiries.
- A 27-year-old arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs. He has since been bailed pending further enquiries.

Detective Sergeant Ian Bingley, of Warrington Proactive Team, said: *“By having officers on both sides of the border as part of the operation we can target and eliminate those who are intent on dealing drugs in our communities.*

*“Organised Crime Groups look to exploit the most vulnerable in our society and work across borders to distribute illegal drugs that bring down local communities.*

*“With Operation Medusa, we are turning the tide on this – we are making our towns a safer place to live by picking off these criminals and bringing them to justice.*

*“We will continue with our fight against illegal drugs in the community and we will do all we can to make our area a hostile place for criminals.”*

For more details on how to spot the signs of county lines drug dealing, and help make Warrington a safer place, visit [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Any information regarding drug dealing in your community, no matter how small, should be reported to Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or via [the Cheshire Police](#).

Alternatively, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### **Man pleads guilty following fatal collision in Cheshire.**

A 28-year-old man involved in a fatal collision on the M6 in Cheshire has pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.

John Frazer Yates, of no fixed abode, North Wales, was arrested on Tuesday 15 November following a three-vehicle collision on the M6 in Cheshire.

The collision occurred at around 12.30am on the M6 northbound between junctions 20, Lymm, and 21, Thelwall.

The incident involved three vehicles, a black Peugeot 107, a Peugeot 307 and a white Volkswagen Scirocco driven by Yates.

Sadly, the driver of the Peugeot 107, 41-year-old Christopher Smith from St Helens, died as a result of the injuries he sustained in the collision.

Yates appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 14 December where he pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and failing to provide a specimen.

He was remanded in custody and is set to be sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Friday 20 January 2023.

### **Three men charged in connection with high value theft in Nantwich**

Officers from Cheshire police have charged three men from Manchester in connection with a high value theft in Nantwich

Michael Bradley, 32 of Old Mill Street, Manchester; Damian Dey, 32, of Coalbrook Walk, Manchester and Ryan Power, 29 of Falkland Avenue, Manchester, were all arrested at 5.15pm on Tuesday 13 December after officers from Cheshire stopped a white Peugeot van on Princess Road, Manchester.

The trio were all subsequently charged with theft from a shop and bailed to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

The charges relate to an incident reported at 4.20pm on Tuesday 13 December when police were called to reports of a shoplifting offence at a clothing store on Pillory Street, Nantwich.

The caller reported that approximately £5,000 of stock had been stolen from the store.

### **Macclesfield man convicted of rape, assault and controlling and coercive behaviour**

A violent and manipulative bully has been found guilty of raping, assaulting and coercing three women.

David Fury-Walsh, also known as David Overton, was found guilty of 25 offences on Wednesday 14 December following a three-week trial at Chester Crown Court.

The offences included 13 counts of rape, four counts of sexual assault, three counts of controlling and coercive behaviour, three counts of actual bodily harm, one count of sexual touching and possession of a knife.

The 31-year-old, formerly of Brook Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, has been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 6 February 2023 for sentencing.

The case against Fury-Walsh began in September 2021 when Cheshire Constabulary received reports that he had raped and assaulted a woman.

Fury-Walsh was arrested within hours of the report, and while he was in custody two other women became aware of his arrest and built up the courage to report that they were also victims of his abusive and controlling behaviour.

The victims all told police how when they initially met Fury-Walsh he was a caring and generous man, who told his victims that he was a relative of the boxing champion Tyson Fury.

However, his behaviour quickly changed, and he began to abuse and control the women.

Fury-Walsh forced his victims to have sex on demand, violently assaulting them if they didn't comply with his wishes. On two occasions he even forced his victims to eat their own faeces.

He also controlled the women's finances, taking out loans in their names and manipulating them into handing over their savings on the promise that there would be a big return, which never emerged.

Following the reports officers from Cheshire Constabulary built up a case file of evidence against Fury-Walsh and charged him with a total of 25 offences.



Following the verdict, Detective Constable Jade Bannerman, who led the investigation said:

“Firstly I would like to thank the victims for the courage and bravery that they have shown throughout this investigation.

“Fury-Walsh is a violent and manipulative bully, and even when faced with all the evidence against him, he refused to plead guilty to any of the charges.

“Instead, he forced his victims to relive their experiences in court, which could not have been easy for them.

“Thankfully, as a result of the statements provided by the victims, and the evidence we gathered the jury have seen through his lies and he is now being held accountable for his actions.”

Detective Inspector Robert Lees of Eastern CID added:

“This has been an extremely complex investigation and I would like to commend DC Bannerman for her dedication and commitment throughout the case. I would also like to thank all of the other officers involved in the investigation.

“Nobody should have to experience what any of these women have been through and if anything can be achieved from this case, I hope that it encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us.

“Cheshire Constabulary takes any allegation of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any allegation 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.”

To report any sexual offence, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or visit Report rape, sexual assault and other sexual offences.

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

### **Four people charged in connection with burglaries across Cheshire and Greater Manchester**

Cheshire Constabulary’s Serious and Organised Crime Unit have charged four people in connection with a number of burglaries across Cheshire and Greater Manchester.

The charges are as follows:

- Phillip Berry, 29, of College Fields, Wrexham was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance.
- Thomas Berry, 29, of College Fields, Wrexham, was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary.
- Adam Purcell, 33, of Chester Road, Frodsham was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary.
- A 16-year-old boy from Frodsham was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and resisting arrest.

They all were remanded into custody and appeared at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Friday 16 December.

Phillip Berry, Thomas Berry and Adam Purcell have been further remanded in custody while the 16-year-old boy was bailed to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 13 January 2023.

The charges follow an investigation led by the Serious and Organised Crime Unit following burglaries in the Cheshire and across the North West between 14 October 2022 and 15 December 2022.

## **Project Servator officially rolled out in Warrington**

Warrington Local Policing Unit is officially rolling out Project Servator following its trial in the town centre.



Project Servator is a policing tactic used to disrupt a range of criminality, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public.

Cheshire constabulary first trialled the tactic in Chester in 2019 and following on from its success in the city centre, officers from Warrington have now successfully implemented the policing tactic in the town centre .

These highly visible deployments are deliberately unpredictable and 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.

These officers can be deployed across the whole of Cheshire so you could see a deployment in your town. The aim is to make Cheshire a hostile environment for criminals while ensuring the public are safe and enjoy places of entertainment, shopping venues and other publicly accessible location.





Chief Inspector Neil Drum said:

*"We're really pleased we have now been given the green light from the National Project Servator Team, which is based at City of London Police to officially roll out this tactic. We've already seen the benefits of carrying out the deployments over the last several months, including a drugs arrest on our first deployment, and some interesting finds in the run up to the Creamfields festival.*

*"During deployments, officers 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."*



Warrington Local Policing Unit sergeant Graham Robinson said:

*"When my officers were told about Project Servator and what it involves, they were totally on board, keen to get stuck into the training, and were raring to get out into the community to try this tactic out.*

*“Ever since, we have carried out a number of deployments and have been talking 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.”*

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](http://www.gov.uk/act).

For more information about Project Servator, visit the Cheshire Constabulary website page <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/ps/project-servator/>

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### Detectives issue CCTV following sexual assault in Warrington

Detectives investigating a sexual assault in Warrington have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to.

Sometime between 4.10pm and 5pm on 8 September, a woman was on the X30 bus from Warrington to Chester when she was approached by a man.

The man touched the woman inappropriately before a man intervened and helped the woman.

Officers are now appealing for information and have issued an image of a man that they would like to speak to in connection with the investigation.

Investigating Officer Rhiannon Jones said: *“I know that this incident will be of great concern to the community, but I can assure you that we have been following several enquiries to identify the man responsible.*

*“We have been following numerous lines of enquiry which has led us to identifying a man that we would like to speak to in connection to the incident.*

*“I would like to call on the community for help in identifying the man pictured in the CCTV.*

*“I am also continuing to appeal to anyone who may have been on the bus at the time of the incident, the passenger who assisted the woman, or anyone who may have information and has not yet done so, to please contact us.”*

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police [via the website](#) quoting IML 1362548 or call 101.

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



### **Detectives appeal for information and footage following an assault in Warrington**

Detectives are appealing for information and footage following an assault in Warrington.

At around 12.55am on Sunday 4 December, a 23-year-old man, from Runcorn, had been walking along Moulders Lane when he knocked on the window of a black car believing it to be a taxi.

Three people have then got out the vehicle and began to kick and punch the victim.

The 23-year-old managed to escape and found police officers nearby.

He was taken to hospital with serious facial injuries.

The suspects, all believed to be white and in their 20s, got back into the vehicle and drove away from the area.

Officers are now appealing to anyone who may have information in relation to the assault to get in touch.

Detective Constable Sanjay Bisnauthsing said: *"This was a totally unprovoked attack and has left the victim with serious facial injuries which thankfully he is now recovering at home from.*

*"We have had a number of enquiries ongoing since the incident was reported to us and know that Moulders Lane and the surrounding areas would have been very busy at this time of night.*

*"As part of our enquiries we would urge anyone who may have seen something that didn't look quite right or perhaps have dashcam or CCTV footage and have not yet spoken to police to get in touch.*

*"The same goes to anyone who may have information on who is responsible to contact us."*

Anyone with information no matter how big or small, is urged to contact Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website quoting IML 1427632 or call 101.

Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting the Crimestoppers website.

### **Police appeal to find wanted man from Winsford**

Officers are appealing for information to trace wanted man from Winsford.

Ayden Bailey is wanted by police in connection with threats to cause criminal damage and harassment.

The 26-year-old is described as white, 5'7" tall, of a slim build with dark brown hair.

He is known to frequent the Winsford and Chester areas.

Anyone who sees Bailey or has information regarding his whereabouts is asked to report it via the website, quoting IML 1407683 or call Cheshire Constabulary on 101.

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



### **Police release CCTV images after city centre robbery**

Police have released images of the man they would like to speak to in connection with a street robbery in Chester City Centre



At around 2pm on Wednesday 2 November the man in his 70s was approached by a man on Boundary Lane at its junction with Stanley Drive. The man forced the victim to hand over cash.

The suspect is described as white, tall and broad shouldered, and wearing a dark coat.



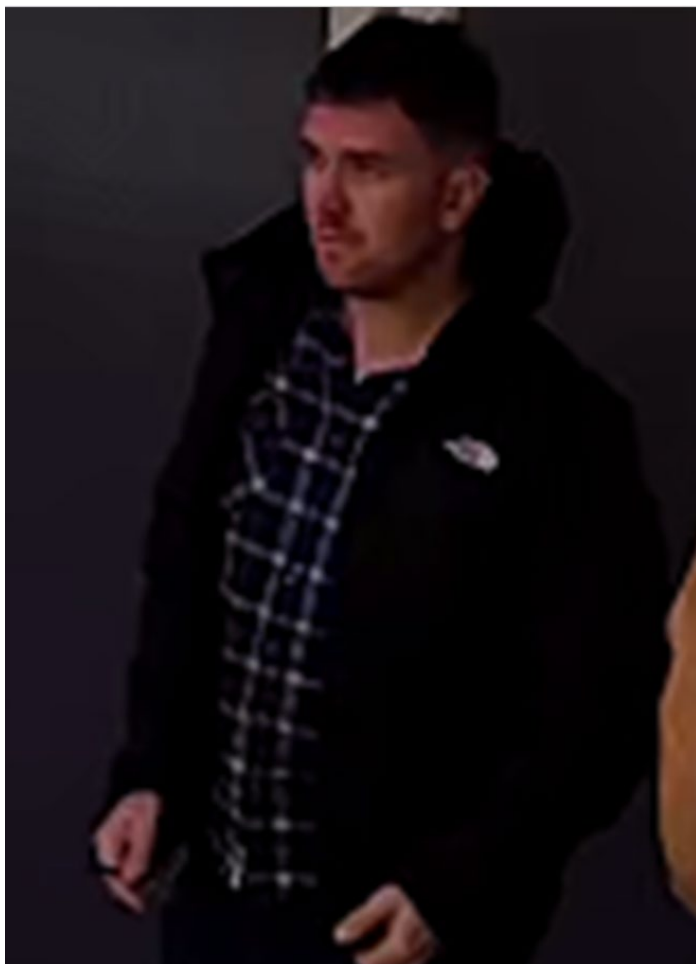
PC Lowri Roberts said:

*“As part of our enquiries we have released these CCTV images to try and identify this man. I’d urge anyone who recognises him to contact us. I’d also appeal for the man in the image to come forward to help us with our investigation.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via this link quoting IML 1403482.

Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

**Detectives issue CCTV appeal following assault in Warrington**



Detectives have released a CCTV image following an assault in Warrington.

At around 1.10am on 20 November, a disturbance took place at a premises on Common Lane, Culcheth.

A 39-year-old man was assaulted and sustained serious facial injuries. He is now recovering at home.

The offender is believed to have left the venue with a group of men.

Police have now issued a CCTV image of a man that they would like to speak to in connection with the incident.

Detective Constable Faye Nowell said: *“This attack left the victim with a fractured jaw and other facial injuries. He will now have to live with the consequences of the suspect’s actions for a long time.*

*“Since the incident occurred, we have been conducting several enquiries and as part of these, we are issuing a CCTV image of a man that they would like to speak to in relation to the incident.*

*“I want to also appeal to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or may have any information to assist with our investigation.*

*“If anyone recognises the man, or the man himself, please get in touch with us and we’ll do the rest.”*

Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website quoting IML 1418535 or call 101.

Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers via the Crimestoppers website or call 0800 555 111.

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