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Man jailed for more than eight years following fatal collision on the M6



A man who left another motorist to die following a collision on the M6 has been jailed.

John Yates appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 20 January where he was sentenced to 11 years in prison – reduced to eight years and three months in prison for an early guilty plea.

The 28-year-old, of no fixed abode but from North Wales, had previously pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and failing to provide a specimen.

The charges relate to a collision which occurred at around 12.30am on Tuesday 15 November 2022, on the M6 northbound between junctions 20, Lymm, and 21, Thelwall.

Temporary roadworks were in place at the time, meaning that all vehicles were required to merge into lane four.

An advisory speed limit of 50 mph was put in place, and other drivers were adhering to this reduced speed.

Despite multiple signs warning of the roadworks ahead, Yates continued to travel at high speed and was seen undertaking a number of vehicles in order to skip the traffic.

As he approached the area where the traffic was merging, Yates' white Volkswagen Scirocco collided with the side of a Peugeot 307 before hitting the back of a black Peugeot 107 at high speed.

Following the crash, Yates was seen exiting his car and running off from the scene.

Emergency services quickly attended following a search of the area Yates was located at and arrested at around 5.30am after he returned to the motorway.

While police searched for Yates, paramedics treated the other motorists involved in the collision.

Thankfully the driver of the Peugeot 307, a 28-year-old woman from Preston, along with a 25-year-old passenger, both escaped with minor injuries.

However, the driver of the Peugeot 107, Christopher Smith, 41, from St Helens, sustained life-threatening injuries and was taken to the Salford Royal hospital.

Sadly, despite the best effort of all those involved, Christopher passed away on Wednesday 16 November, as a result of the injuries he sustained in the collision.

Following the sentencing, Sergeant Simon Degg, of the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said:

"Yates cowardly left the scene. Rather than staying to try to help Christopher and face the consequences of his actions, he ran off and left him to die."

"Even after he was located, he denied any involvement in the collision, and throughout questioning he declined to answer any questions and refused to provide samples of breath or blood. His parting comments to investigators was that he puts all of his trust in those investigating the collision."

"That investigation showed that Yates was travelling at 128mph when he collided unnecessarily with the rear of Christopher's car."

“Christopher was a true gentleman, he had left work early that day so that he could spend time with his heavily pregnant wife. He was excited at the prospect of becoming a dad and a gentleman who was doing nothing wrong whatsoever.

“While Yates pleaded guilty, he had shown no remorse of his actions and he deserves to be behind bars for a substantial amount of time.

“Because of the actions taken by Yates that day, Christopher will never get to meet his child and be the loving father that he would have been.

“While no court result could ever make up for the loss or the pain that his family have endured, but I hope that the conclusion of this case will provide some closure.

“Our thoughts remain with them at this difficult time.”

In addition to his prison sentence Yates was banned from driving for seven years, to commence once released from prison.

Two men charged with drug offences in Warrington

Two men from Liverpool have been charged with drug offences in Warrington.

James Farrell, 25, and Cameron Woods, 23, were arrested on Wednesday 18 January after officers conducted a stop and search on Morris Brook, Latchford.

Farrell, of Lynsted Road, Liverpool, has since been charged with being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (heroin).

Woods, of Parkview Road, Liverpool, has been charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin).

The duo appeared at Chester Magistrates’ Court, today, Friday 20 January, where they were remanded in custody.

They are next set to appear at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Friday 17 February.

Car thief jailed after officers followed footprints in snow



A car thief who was tracked down after officers found his footprints in the snow has been jailed. Daniel Henderson, of The Glebe, Runcorn appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on 19 January after being charged with theft of a motor vehicle.

The 21-year-old pleaded guilty to taking a vehicle without consent and was sentenced to two months imprisonment and ordered to pay a £154 surcharge.

He was also recalled to prison for a previous conviction.

The court heard how the owner of a black Ford Fiesta had reported it stolen from her property in Frodsham at around 10.50pm on 17 January.

In the early hours of 18 January, officers on regular patrol spotted the stolen vehicle travelling on Halton Brook Avenue, Runcorn.

Officers followed the car onto West Lane towards Town Park and onto Northway. The occupants of the vehicle exit while the car is still in motion, causing the car to roll into the wall at the entrance of Town Park.

Police chased the occupants into the park but lost sight of them.

Due to a new layer of snow falling, officers observed a distinctive set of footprints on the ground of the vehicle. Police then followed the distinctive footprints to an address nearby.

Officers knocked on the address and was let in by the occupant, Henderson appeared and the soles of the shoes he was wearing matched the footprints officers had been tracking.



Picture taken of Henderson's shoe sole next to the footprint in the snow

Henderson was subsequently arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle and charged.

In court, he pleaded guilty to taking a vehicle without consent.

Detective Sergeant Stu Needham said: *"This case shows that, even in this modern age, sometimes all you need is to do is to follow the clues laid out in front of you."*

"Henderson had no choice but to plead guilty to the offence put to him and will now have some time behind bars to think about the consequences of his actions on the evening of 17 January."

"We will continue to do all we can to track down those intent on causing harm to our communities and I hope that this acts as a deterrent to others who think they can get away with committing crime in our area."

"I also welcome the efficiency in dealing with this case which has allowed us to get justice for the victim efficiently."

Winsford man jailed for historic child sex offences

A Winsford man who sexually abused two children in the town over several years has been jailed.

Robert Noden, of Carlisle Close, Winsford, was found guilty of 19 counts of sexual offences against children following a 1 week trial at Chester Crown Court.

The offences included four counts of rape of a girl under 16; two counts of committing buggery with a boy under 16; eight counts of indecent assault on a child under 14 and five counts of gross indecency on a child under 14.

The 58-year-old was sentenced to 14 years in prison at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 17 January 2023.

During his trial the jury were told how the abuse occurred in the late 1970's to early 1980's and involved a boy and a girl who were both under the age of 14.

The offences took place when Noden, who was aged 13 - 15 at the time, was babysitting the pair.

The victims told the court how he repeatedly raped and sexually abused them, leaving them both terrified and mentally scarred.

He also threatened the children with a knife and warned them not to tell anyone about the abuse.

It was reported to police in August 2018 and following a detailed investigation, Noden was charged with the offences in October 2020.

Detective Constable Peter Taylor, who led the investigation, said:

"Noden was supposed to be looking after his victims, instead he sexually abused them over several years."

"Both of the victims have suffered mentally and physically as a result of Noden's actions, and I would like to thank them for the bravery and courage they have shown throughout this case."

"Whilst they will never be able to forget about what happened to them, I hope the fact that he is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions provides the victims with some closure and enable them to begin to move forward with their lives."

In addition to the custodial sentence, Noden was also ordered to sign the sex offenders register for life. DC Taylor added:

"I hope this case and the significant custodial sentence handed to Noden encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us."

"Cheshire Constabulary takes any allegation of sexual offences extremely seriously, no matter how long ago they relate to, as this case shows. Any allegation will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim being 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 for life."

For advice on identifying signs of sexual abuse, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse> .

Sexual offences can be reported to Cheshire Constabulary via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or by calling 101.

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



Warrington man charged with driving offences

A 23-year-old man from Warrington has been charged with driving offences.

Patrick Mazur, of Tilston Avenue, Latchford, was arrested by police on Tuesday 17 January.

He has since been charged with driving whilst disqualified and driving without insurance.

Mazur was remanded in custody and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Thursday 16 February.

The charges relate to a collision on Tannery Lane, Penketh, on Tuesday 17 January.

New Chief Inspector takes the reins at Widnes



A new Chief Inspector has taken the reins at Widnes Local Policing Unit (LPU).

Shaun Pyke has previously held the post of Widnes neighbourhood Inspector and succeeds Caroline Mullen-Hurst who has left the force to join North Wales Police.

Shaun began his career in 1999 as a police constable at West Midlands Police before transferring to Cheshire Constabulary in 2001. Shaun initially worked as a response officer at Ellesmere Port before training as a Detective and continuing in the role on the Western area.

Shaun has worked in all aspects of policing, including pro-active CID and Public Protection Directorate - safeguarding the most vulnerable residents in the community.

Speaking about becoming Chief Inspector, Shaun said: *"I am proud to be Chief Inspector at Widnes, a place I have worked for several years.*

"With my local knowledge, I know what impacts our communities and understand the importance of neighbourhood policing for residents. Having served as an officer for 24 years, I bring with me a

wealth of experience in a number of areas of policing which I will use to deliver my commitment to the residents of Widnes.

“As Chief Inspector, I want to be clear that I am committed to putting our residents first to ensure that our area is a safe environment for all to live, work and visit.

“I will ensure that our officers will continue with their work in tirelessly targeting those who are intent in causing harm to our communities and will do everything in our power to ensure that they will be dealt with robustly.”

Outside of work Shaun is married and has a daughter. He enjoys spending time with family, friends while also going to the gym and running.

Two men charged with burglary in Alderley Edge.

Two men arrested following a burglary in Alderley Edge have now been charged.

Sebastiano Gjoni, 22, and Koliqi Skelidano, 26, were both arrested on Wednesday 18 January following an incident at an address on Meddings Close.

Gjoni, of Fairfax Road, London, and Skelidano, of no fixed abode, Edware, London, have both been charged with Burglary with intent to steal.

The pair have both been remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court today, Friday 20 January.

Footprints in snow lead to arrest following report of stolen car

At around 10.45pm on Tuesday 17 January officers were made aware that a black Ford Fiesta had been stolen from a property in Frodsham.

Officers on regular patrol sighted the vehicle travelling along Halton Brook Avenue, Runcorn.

Patrols, supported by the police helicopter and police dogs attended the scene and located the vehicle abandoned on Holt Lane.

Officers made a search of the area and found fresh footprints in the snow, they followed these prints and detained a man at Rowan Close.

A 21-year-old man from Runcorn was subsequently arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle. He remains in custody assisting police with their enquiries.

Man sentenced following fatal collision in Haslington

A man who pleaded guilty to causing a fatal collision on the A534 Haslington Bypass has been sentenced.

Matthew Ellson pleaded guilty to death by Careless driving on Tuesday 6 December.

The 20-year-old of Church Lane, Wistaston, returned to court on Monday 16 January, where he was sentenced to 10 months in prison, suspended for 24 months.

He was also disqualified from driving for three years and must undertake 20 days of rehabilitation activities, as well as 270 hours of unpaid work.

In addition, Ellson was handed a six-month curfew between the hours of 8pm and 5am.

The charge relates to a collision that occurred at around 12.21am on Saturday 13 June 2020 on the A534 Haslington Bypass.

Ellson was driving a black Corsa towards Crewe when he lost control of the vehicle and collided with a HGV lorry which was parked in a near layby.

There were also three passengers travelling in the vehicle at the time of the collision, including Francesca Bugliarello.

Sadly as a result of the collision, Francesca suffered fatal injuries.

Following the sentencing, Sergeant Andrew Dennison said: *"This was a tragic but entirely preventable collision which demonstrates why it is essential that all motorists give their full attention when driving.*

"While Ellson eventually admitted his guilt in court, throughout this investigation he lied to save his own skin.

"At one point, he even tried to blame his girlfriend who was subsequently arrested in relation to the incident. This has had a lasting impact on her mental health.

"Thankfully, as a result of our investigation, we were able to prove that the blame lay solely with Ellson and he had no choice but to plead guilty.

"Ellson's contemptible actions following this collision have prolonged the agony of Francesca's family who have had to wait two and a half years for some sort of closure. I cannot imagine the pain

they went through and are still going through. I hope that his conviction will at least bring some comfort to them in this difficult time."

More than 1,790 people arrested during Cheshire Police's Christmas operation

Officers arrested 1,797 people across the county as part of a policing operation to keep people safe throughout the Christmas period – An increase of 23% in comparison to the previous year's operation.

The operation saw officers targeting perpetrators of anti-social behaviour, violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and drink and drug driving – with a particular focus on night-time economy hot spot areas with high impact policing activity throughout December.

Extra measures were put in place across the county and high visibility operations were carried out which saw officers work closely with partner agency staff to make sure law-abiding people could enjoy their Christmas safely.

Officers were also out stopping drivers as part of a crackdown on drink and drug driving, and as a result 166 people were arrested for drink driving and 130 people arrested for drug driving across the county.

The Special Constabulary were hugely valuable throughout the Christmas period volunteering a total of 3,154 hours, supporting frontline neighbourhood policing and targeted operations. Specials assisted with or arrested more than 100 people for a variety of offences including drink and drug driving.

'Safe space' safety buses were also stationed across the county providing valuable support to those who felt vulnerable or needed assistance. More than 750 people benefited from these safety buses as part of the Constabulary's determination to make Cheshire's streets even safer. Officers also demonstrated the free to download @Hollie_Guard personal safety app.

<https://youtu.be/eodX2OP8GtA>

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

"The visibility of our officers – and the action that was taken against anyone intent on committing crime or causing harm – will have reassured our communities that we were working hard to keep them safe over the Christmas period.

"The message was clear this year 'we will not stand for anyone intent on causing harm in our communities – and while the majority of people enjoyed their Christmas safely and responsibly,

some people decided to ignore our warning and commit crime regardless. They were dealt with accordingly and they have no-one to blame but themselves.

“Rest assured our efforts to keep people safe and keep criminals off our streets doesn’t end with Christmas. We will continue to take robust action against anyone who believes they are above the law and make them face the consequences of their actions all year round.

“I also want to say a massive thank you to all the officers, staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly over the Christmas period - some who missed spending time with their own families - to keep the people of Cheshire safe.”

Statement issued in response to Chester BID crime survey

Chief Inspector Mike Ankers said: “Chester has been consistently rated as one of the safest cities in the UK and we are committed to doing all we can to keep it that way.

“As part of this commitment, we introduced a team of beat managers based in the city centre, who are all dedicated to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

“The team work closely with residents, businesses and partner agencies, including Chester BID, to help tackle crime, ASB, homelessness and begging in the city.

It’s frustrating that the results of the survey, commissioned by Chester BID, were sent to the media before giving ourselves and our partners the chance to address the concerns raised.

“Having looked at the results of the survey it is clear that they conflict with our own recent performance statistics, which shows that the number of reports of ASB in the city centre has fallen over the past three months.

“Our data also shows that over the past three months our city centre team has:

- Conducted 136 alcohol seizures
- Issued fines to 35 people smoking on the Rows
- Given warnings to 41 cyclists
- Issued five fines for littering
- Given 11 people fines for urinating in public
- Engaged with 138 rough sleepers/beggars.

“In addition to our day-to-day work in the city centre, we have also undertaken several proactive operations in the city.

“These have included Operation Improvised, a drugs operation which resulted in the arrest of four people and the seizure of more than £2,500 worth of class A drugs.

“We also undertook Operation Performed, which specifically targeted ASB in the city centre. More than 50 stop searches were conducted, leading to the seizure of illegal drugs and the arrest of two people for possession with intent to supply illegal drugs.

“As part of the operation, we also worked closely with Cheshire West and Chester Council and local charities, to engage with the homeless community. As a result, 12 homeless referrals were made, and three sleeping encampments were removed from the city.

“Over the festive period we also conducted a number of nights of action targeting the night-time economy. This work included 60 door staff checks; 59 stop searches with 18 positive results; 18 checks at licensed premises; 16 dispersal notices issued and eight arrests for a range of offences.

“Nevertheless, we must not be complacent. I would like to reassure residents, businesses and visitors that we do take the concerns expressed in this survey seriously and I hope that the work highlighted above will provide them with some reassurance.

“However, if we really want to make our fantastic city an even safer place to live, work and visit, then we all need to work together.”

Anyone with any information in relation to crimes or ASB in Chester is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us .

Two men charged with drugs offences following police stop check near in Thelwall

Two men have been charged with drugs offences following a police stop check on the M6 northbound in Thelwall.

At around 1pm on Tuesday 17 January, officers from the Roads and Crime Unit stopped a red Renault Kangoo on the M6 northbound at Thelwall due to a cracked windscreen.

Following a search of the car, the driver of the car, 36-year-old Derek Miller, and passenger, 46-year-old Mark Lindsey, were both arrested on suspicion of drugs offences.

Both men have since been charged with being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs (cannabis).

The pair were both remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court later today, Wednesday 18 January.

Convicted murderer arrested after absconding from prison

A convicted murderer has been arrested by officers from Cheshire Constabulary after absconding from prison.

Paul Gerrard was sentenced to life in prison in 2009 for the murder of David Argent in Runcorn.

The 40-year-old absconded from HMP Kirkham, Lancashire, in December 2022.

Following enquiries, officers from Cheshire's Serious and Organised Crime Unit located the fugitive in Irvine, Scotland, on Tuesday 17 January.

Gerrard has now been taken to custody.

Detective Chief Inspector Ian Murray, of Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: *"Gerrard is a dangerous individual and I welcome the fact that he is now back behind bars where he belongs."*

"I'd like to thank all of the officers involved in this manhunt for their dedication, going well beyond the boundaries of Cheshire to keep our communities safe."

International tattoo artist who sexually assaulted client in Knutsford handed 10-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order

An international tattoo artist who sexually assaulted a client in Knutsford has been handed a 10-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO).

Christos Phitides, 32, also known as Kris Karma, currently living in the Sparkhill area of Birmingham, appeared at Chester Crown Court on 11 January where he was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment suspended for 18 months along with a 10 year SHPO.

He was ordered to pay £2,000 victim compensation to be paid within 28 days and also a statutory surcharge, again to be paid within 28 days.

He pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing.

The court heard how his victim, a woman, had attended a tattoo studio in Knutsford, where Phitides was working as a guest artist, to have a tattoo covered on 3 August 2020.

As he was working on the tattoo, Phitides began to talk to the woman in a sexualised manner and touched her inappropriately, asking 'do you want any extra'. She told him no.

When the appointment finished, the victim spoke to the manager of the tattoo shop and disclosed the offence.

Phitides was immediately told to leave, and within the hour, he had booked a return flight home to Cyprus which was scheduled to leave the next day.

He subsequently sent a message to the studio effectively apologising and telling them to refund the payment for the tattoo to the victim and to take it out his wages.

On 15 June 2022, Phitides returned to the UK where he was arrested at Birmingham Airport.

He was formally charged and subsequently bailed with conditions.

Detective Constable Andy Cole said: *"Phitides abused his position of trust as a tattoo artist and fled the country knowing full well what he had done but chose to avoid facing the consequences."*

"I would like to praise the victim in this case for coming forward and having to endure with what happened to her for more than two years without justice because of Phitides immediate actions after the incident."

"I would also like to thank the management of the tattoo studio for the support they have provided to the investigation."

"By granting the Sexual Harm Prevention Order, he will not be able to work in any tattoo studio unsupervised."

"I hope that the securing of the SHPO allows others to have the courage to come forward to police with incidents of sexual assault knowing that they will be believed and any report will be investigated fully."

Anyone who wishes to make a report of sexual assault can do so via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Four teenagers charged following serious assault in Congleton

Detectives investigating the assault of a 51-year-old man in Congleton have now charged four people in connection to the incident.

The four teenagers were all arrested following the assault of a man on Market Street, Congleton, on Saturday 12 February 2022.

They have since been charged with the following offences –

- Liam Doolan, 18, of St Johns Road, Biddulph – Charged with section 18 assault and section 47 assault
- 16-year-old boy from Congleton – Charged with section 18 assault
- 15-year-old girl from Congleton – Charged with section 47 assault
- 14-year-old boy from Congleton – Charged with section 47 assault

All four teenagers are currently on bail and are set to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Monday 6 February.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Detectives continue to appeal for information following a serious sexual assault in Wistaston

Detectives investigating reports of a serious sexual assault in Wistaston are continuing to appeal for information.

A report was made that at sometime between 2.25pm to 2.40pm on Monday 16 January, a serious sexual assault had taken place on Oak Tree Walk, Wistaston.

The victim, a 15-year-old girl, is currently being supported by specialist officers.

The suspect is a man, described as being aged in his late 20s, of slim build, with brown/red hair, a scar under his eye and stretcher piercings in both ears.

At the time of the incident he was wearing frameless glasses, dark blue jeans, a burgundy coloured jumper and a mustard Trespass jacket.

Enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident are ongoing.

As part of these enquiries, officers are now keen to hear from another person who may have witnessed the incident to come forward.

Detective Inspector Helen Clegg said: *"Since our last appeal for information, a number of people have come forward however we are still keen to locate another person who we believe may have been in the area around the time."*

“The person was walking two dogs - a white fluffy medium size dog and a skinny, tall grey dog. At the time, the person is described as white with collar length purple and blue hair - they were wearing a light grey coat, black boots with a purple rim.

“I’d also like to thank the local community for their response regarding this incident and want to reassure them that we are continuing to do all we can to establish what has taken place here.

“We will continue to have officers in and around the area and I would again ask anyone who has concerns to please approach one of my colleagues.

“Enquiries into the incident remain underway, including CCTV, and as part of these, we are continuing to appeal to anyone who may have been in the area around the time of the incident who may have seen something that didn’t look quite right, to come forward.

“The same goes to anyone who may have information that could assist us with our enquiries.”

Anyone with information is asked to report it [via the website](#) quoting IML 1457696 or call 101.

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

Appeal for information after three bikes were stolen in Cheshire Oaks

Police are appealing for information after three pedal cycles were stolen from a car park in Cheshire Oaks.

Sometime between 6pm and 7pm on Monday 21 November, an unknown male is believed to have taken a bike which was left in a bike shed on car park C of Cheshire Oaks.

A week later, at sometime between 5.40pm and 10pm on Monday 28 November, the same male is believed to have taken a blue Carrera bike.

The male returned for the third time between 3:20pm and 8pm on Monday 12 December, and is believed to have taken another bike from the same location.

Officers are now asking members of the public with information, CCTV or dashcam footage to contact Cheshire Police.

Police Constable Lydia Proctor said: *“Enquiries in relation to this theft are ongoing and we are keen to hear from anyone with any information which may aid our investigation.*

“We also want to hear from anyone who believes they may have seen any of the bikes since they were stolen or know where the bikes are.

“I’d ask anyone with any information in relation to the theft, or the whereabouts of the bikes, to contact the team here at Ellesmere Port on 101, quoting IML 1423733.”

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

Police appeal to find wanted man from Warrington

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

Dominic Bennett is wanted by police for failing to appear at court.

The 33-year-old is described as white, 6’2” tall, of a proportionate build with short brown hair.

He is known to frequent the Warrington, Widnes and Runcorn areas.

Anyone who sees Bennett or has information regarding his whereabouts is asked to report it [via the website](#), quoting 22000862709 or call Cheshire Constabulary on 101.

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



Detectives appeal for information following serious sexual assault in Wistaston

Detectives investigating reports of a serious sexual assault in Wistaston are appealing for information.

A report was made that at sometime between 2.40pm to 3pm on Monday 16 January, a serious sexual assault had taken place on Oak Tree Walk, Wistaston.

The victim, a 15-year-old girl, is currently being supported by specialist officers.

The suspect is a man, described as being aged in his late 20s, of slim build, with brown/red hair, a scar under his eye and stretcher piercings in both ears.

At the time of the incident he was wearing frameless glasses, dark blue jeans, a burgundy coloured jumper and a mustard Trespass jacket.

Enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident are ongoing.

As part of these enquiries, officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information that may aid their investigation.

Detective Inspector Victoria Shelton said: *"We understand that this incident will cause concern in the local community but I want to make it clear, we are doing all we can to establish the circumstances of what has taken place."*

"Residents will see a number of officers around the local area in the coming days and I would urge anyone with concerns to speak to an officer."

"A number of enquiries are underway, including CCTV, and as part of these, we are appealing to anyone who may have been in the area around the time of the incident who may have seen something that didn't look quite right, to come forward."

"We are also keen to speak to a dog walker who was seen in the area around the time and may have witnessed something that didn't look quite right."

"The same goes to anyone who may have information that could assist us with our enquiries."

Anyone with information is asked to report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1457696 or call 101.

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

Appeal for information following serious collision in Chester

Officers are appealing for information and dashcam footage following a serious collision in Chester.

At 4.08pm on Monday 16 January, officers were called to the A55 North Wales Expressway southbound slip road at junction 39 following reports that a white Porsche had collided with a bridge.

The driver of the car, a 50-year-old man, was taken to Aintree Hospital with serious, life-threatening injuries.

Police are now appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have captured dashcam or CCTV footage to come forward.

Anyone with information is urged to contact via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1457704 or call 101.

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

Detectives appeal for information following burglary at shop in Chester

Detectives are appealing for information following a burglary at a shop in Chester.

At around 11.20pm on Wednesday 11 January, unknown offenders are believed to have gained entry to Co-Op on Hoole Road.

It is believed that the three men managed to take a quantity of cash.

The suspects are described as male, wearing dark clothing and face coverings.

Police are now appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

Detective Sergeant Stuart Needham said: *"We have been following several enquiries since the incident and are keen to hear from anyone who may have seen a white transit van in the area around the time.*

"We know that there would have been a few people out and about at this time of night who may have seen something that didn't look quite right.

"I would also urge anyone who may have been on Hoole Road around the time of the incident and may have dashcam footage.

“Also, if anyone has any CCTV footage from Hoole Road and surrounding areas and thinks they may have captured something, and have not yet spoken to police, please get in touch with us.”

Anyone with information is urged to report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1454376 or call 101.

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