

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Two men charged following drug raids in Alderley Edge and Wilmslow

Two people have been charged with drugs offences in Wilmslow and Alderley Edge.

A warrant was executed at an address in Heywood Close in Alderley Edge on the morning of 25 September and another warrant was executed at an address in Barlow Road, Wilmslow, on the morning of 30 September. A 26-year-old man was arrested at the Alderley Edge address and he has subsequently been charged with being concerned in the production of Class B drugs (Cannabis) and being concerned in the acquisition of criminal property. Basri Hallaci, of Heywood Close, Alderley Edge, appeared at Crewe Magistrates' Court on 26 September and was remanded in custody. He will next appear at Chester Crown Court on 23 October. A 21-year-old man was arrested at the address in Wilmslow and was later charged with producing a Class B drug (cannabis). Redi Allaj, of no fixed address, appeared at North Cheshire Magistrates' on 1 October. He was remanded into custody and will appear at Chester Crown Court on 29 October.

Tougher restrictions set to come into force in Warrington and Halton

From midnight tonight tougher Coronavirus restrictions will come into force in Warrington and Halton.

Under the new rules it will be illegal for residents who live in the two boroughs to mix with people from outside their household in any indoor setting. The rules officially come into force at 00.01 on Saturday 3 October. Ahead of the changes, Cheshire Constabulary is urging all residents to ensure they are aware of the new rules, know what they mean for them and ensure they stick to them.

ACC Jenny Sims said: *"I understand that there are lots of changes for people to take in and I want to reassure residents that we will continue to support the public to navigate the measures in place. Officers will be out and about to help explain the rules – and encourage people to follow them – but, where necessary, we will enforce them. We need local residents to take personal responsibility and make sure they are fully aware of the rules that apply to them and ensure they stick to them. The key message is that from midnight tonight people living in Warrington and Halton will no longer be able to mix with people from outside their household in any indoor settings. This will include all private dwellings, gardens, pubs and restaurants. However, there are a small number of exemptions, such as support bubbles and going to work, which is why it's essential that all residents familiarise themselves with the new legislation, understand what it means for them and ensure they follow the rules."*

Anyone who breaches the new legislation in Warrington and Halton, could face a £200 fine. The new legislation is in addition to the existing measures in place, which includes the 'rule of six' and prevents anyone from meeting in groups of more than six people – whether inside or outside anywhere in Cheshire. The 'rule of six' also requires all hospitality, leisure, entertainment and tourism businesses will have to close by 10pm. Those who do not comply risk being fined or the premises could be closed for breaches. The force is

continuing to work closely alongside the four local authorities in Cheshire – Warrington, Halton, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester councils – as well as colleagues in Public Health and other agencies to ensure that residents, shoppers and businesses are acting within the regulations in every part of the county.

ACC Sims added: *“The vast majority of people have been listening to the advice, sticking to the rules and following the guidance in place to limit the spread of the virus. However, it is disappointing that a small minority are still choosing to flout the regulations and, with the infection rate spreading rapidly, we will not hesitate to take action where we need to – especially for the most serious breaches. We will not allow those who continue to ignore the rules to reverse the hard work and efforts of everyone else.”*

Cheshire’s PCC David Keane added: *“We all have a responsibility to remain vigilant, act responsibly and do everything we can to keep themselves and others safe. It is clear that we all have a very important part to play over the coming weeks and months. COVID-19 is very much still out there, we must not let our guard down and the personal choices that we all make are crucial to protect others. The rules are there for a reason – to keep us all safe – and we all need to play our part to protect our family, our friends, the communities we live in and, most importantly, the NHS.”*

Anyone looking to report a breach of the Coronavirus legislation is urged to do so [online via our website](#). Full details of the current regulations relating to Covid-19 can be found on the [government's coronavirus section of their website](#).

Initiatives launched to tackle knife crime in Crewe

A month of action has seen Crewe’s Problem Solving Team launch a series of initiatives to tackle knife crime in the town.

Working in collaboration with partner agencies, the team carried out targeted activities across Crewe in September. They ranged from weapons sweeps to drugs warrants. The highlights of the month of action were:

- Four knife sweeps were conducted in various areas of Crewe, with numerous weapons being recovered
- A vast amount of drugs, weapons and cash were seized after a warrant was executed at an address in the west of the town
- More than 30 people were stopped and searched and significant quantities of illegal drugs were seized as part of two operations held in conjunction with British Transport Police’s County Lines Taskforce
- A knife crime prevention poster competition was held via social media, with the winning entry to be displayed on a billboard in the centre of Crewe.



Officers and volunteers at one of the four knife sweeps



The winning knife crime prevention poster competition entry

PCs Michelle Prout and Tom Towe, of Crewe’s Problem Solving Team, said: *“The month of action was set up as part of an ongoing operation to tackle knife crime in Crewe and create and sustain inclusive, vibrant communities in which people feel safe. One of the aims of the operation is to understand the causes of knife crime involving young members of our communities. We also challenge and endeavour to deter those who engage in this type of criminality, through proactive policing activities. We work alongside various partner agencies in a bid to stamp out knife crime, and the month of action was really positive in terms of making arrests, protecting vulnerable people and seizing drugs, cash and weapons. Ten knives were seized as part of the month of action. We are delighted with the results and the positive impact our activities in September have had on our communities in Crewe. We would like to thank the local council, schools and a charity run by Crewe resident Rachel Dyer for all their help and support during the month of action. We all have a part to play when it comes to stamping out knife crime, and during the month of action we engaged with many Crewe residents and encouraging them to help us tackle the issue.”*

Sgt Craig Hodson, also of Crewe’s Problem Solving Team, which was set up last September to combat persistent offenders, protect vulnerable people, improve the lives of residents and reduce the demand on the police and other agencies in terms of dealing with repeat offenders, added: *“The month of action was an extension of the relentless work we carry out as part of our dedicated drive to reduce the impact of knife crime in our communities. The police cannot tackle knife crime alone – it is really important that we work closely with local partners including councils, schools and community members. We must continue to take*

this joined up approach to make our streets as safe as we can. It has been great to see the community involvement in our work so far and I thank all those who have volunteered their time for the cause. Like the rest of Cheshire, Crewe is a safe place to live, work and visit. Let's make it even safer."

CI Sarah Heath, who is Cheshire Constabulary's knife crime lead, said: *"Cheshire has a lower rate of knife crime than most other counties in England. We have a multi-faceted approach to tackling knife crime at Cheshire Constabulary. Our structured prepare, protect, pursue and prevent approach to combating knife crime involves various partner agencies, including local authorities, education providers, health authorities, third sector organisations, youth representatives and community groups. We will continue to endeavour – through education, awareness and action – to make Cheshire a county in which no-one carries a knife or feels that there is a reason to do so."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *"Carrying a knife doesn't make you safer, and the consequences can be devastating for all those involved. Cheshire Constabulary is doing all it can to reduce the number of dangerous weapons on our streets, and to educate people about the dangers of knife crime, and I urge anyone with information about those who carry such weapons to come forward in confidence and report it."*

To report any type of crime involving weapons call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Information can also be passed to the force [online via our website](#). Anyone who knows someone that carries a knife can report it to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Police in Crewe reassure residents following social media rumours

Police in Crewe are reassuring local residents following rumours circulating on social media.

In recent weeks there has been a lot of rumour and speculation online following reports of an attempted child abduction at a shop on Grand Junction Way in Crewe. The incident, which was reported to police at around 6.10pm on Friday 25 September, is alleged to have taken place on Sunday 20 September. Officers have thoroughly investigated the allegations – this has included speaking to a number of people and examining hours of CCTV footage. At this stage, they have not been able to find any evidence to substantiate the claims. Following the initial incident, Crewe Local Policing Unit has become aware of rumours circulating online from other concerned parents.

DC Simon Knowles said: *"I understand incidents of this nature will be concerning to local residents and I want to reiterate that we take any allegations of this nature extremely seriously. I would like to reassure the local community that, at this time, there is no evidence to suggest that anybody has attempted to abduct any children. However, should any new information come to light we would always follow this up and take action if appropriate. I would like to remind people that if you believe an incident of this nature is taking place you should always contact police immediately on 999. If you have any information, which could assist officers with their enquiries, please call 101 or [report the information on our website](#)."*

Woman charged following Widnes assault

A 21-year-old woman from Widnes has been charged following an assault in the town.

Kayleigh Challioner was arrested at her home in Bechers at around 8am on Tuesday 7 July. She has subsequently been charged with assault by beating and harassment without violence. The charges relate to

an incident that occurred at around 4.30pm on Tuesday 30 June. A 20-year-old woman from Widnes was taken to hospital in an ambulance following the incident on a path that runs between Birchfield Road and Prescott Road. She has since been discharged after receiving treatment for the minor injuries she sustained as a result of the incident. Challioner has been issued with a postal requisition ordering her to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 17 November.

Two men charged with drug offences

A 28-year-old man and a 30-year-old man have been charged in connection with drug offences.

Alexander Hewson, of Weaver Road in Nantwich, and Michael Davies, of Prospect Vale in Liverpool were arrested at around 5am on Tuesday 29 September. They have both been charged with conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs. Hewson has also been charged with conspiracy to possess a firearm. They have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Wednesday 30 September. The charges relate to early morning warrants executed on Tuesday 29 September in connection with serious and organised crime.

Widnes police appeal for witnesses following an aggravated burglary

Police in Widnes are appealing for witnesses following an aggravated burglary in the town.

At 9.15pm on 27 September five men forced their way into an address in Marcien Way in Widnes. The men, one armed with a screwdriver, demanded money and jewellery from the two occupants before searching the house and making off with jewellery and a wallet. The suspects are believed to have made off in a red VW Golf. The five men were dressed all in black and were wearing black gloves and balaclavas.

DC Nicola Dolan said: *"Thankfully the victims were not injured, but were left shaken by their ordeal. I would urge you to contact police if you saw suspicious activity around the time of the incident or if you have any information that may help our investigation. That also goes for anyone who was in the area and may have dashcam footage that may help us."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk quoting IML 815222. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Appeal after pensioner is injured in Chester incident

Officers are appealing for information and dashcam footage from members of the public following an incident involving two men from Chester.

Between 12.15pm and 12.30pm on Tuesday 1 October an 86-year-old riding a bicycle collided with a 58-year-old out walking his dog. The older man is believed to have sustained a serious injury as a result of the

incident that occurred near an Aldi store on Tarvin Road in Chester. He was taken to hospital in an ambulance. The younger man, who spoke to officers at the scene, is not believed to have been injured. Officers are investigating the incident and want to speak to anyone who was in the area and saw what happened. They also want to hear from any motorists who believe they may have captured relevant footage on their dashcams. Anyone with information or dashcam footage that may help the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 817687, or give the details [via the Cheshire Police website](#).

Puppies located following Runcorn burglary

Two puppies stolen during a burglary in Runcorn in the early hours of Tuesday 29 September have been located.

The pair were found in the Widnes area yesterday evening, Tuesday 29 September. No arrest have been made and enquiries in relation to the people responsible remain ongoing.

DC Ciara Murphy, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who shared the social media appeals and helped to locate the puppies. While the dogs have been located, the investigation to trace the people responsible remains ongoing. As part of our ongoing enquiries we want to hear from anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in the Whitchurch Way area of Runcorn overnight or believes they have CCTV footage which could be relevant to our investigation. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know the identities of the burglars."*



Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 816073, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Northwich pub release CCTV images

Detectives have released CCTV images of three people they would like to speak to in relation to a serious assault at a bar in Northwich.

At 1.25am on 5 September a confrontation broke out between a group of men at the Quayside in Whitton Street as they were asked to leave the premises.

DC Helen Harrison said: *"A man in his 30s was seriously injured and required hospital treatment. I'm keen to speak to anyone who recognises the men in the CCTV or saw the incident but has not yet spoken to us. I'd also appeal directly to the men to come forward and help us with our investigation."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk quoting IML 799895. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Investigation launched following fatal collision near Congleton

An investigation has been launched after two people died in a collision in Marton, near Congleton.

At around 3am on Sunday 27 September an officer came across a car that had collided with a tree on Congleton Road. Sadly, the two occupants of the grey Mini Cooper were pronounced dead at the scene. Formal identification has not yet taken place but they are believed to be a 22-year-old man and a 32-year-old woman both from the Congleton area. Their families have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. An investigation into the circumstances of the fatal collision has been launched. Anyone with any information or dashcam footage that may aid the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 814688, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>

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Warrington man jailed after assaulting man during an aggravated burglary

A 23-year-old man has been sentenced after assaulting another man during an aggravated burglary in Warrington.

Colin Williams, who was living in Toll Bar Road, Poplars and Hulme, committed the offences at a flat at Jurby Court in Padgate on Monday 2 December. He was jailed for nine years and six months on Friday 9 October after a jury convicted him of aggravated burglary and section 18 assault following a four-day trial at Liverpool Crown Court. At approximately 6.10pm Williams sent the victim a number of Facebook messages including 'you think you're smart playing hide and seek' and 'not done until I've caught you' over a dispute. Within a minute of sending the message Williams repeatedly kicked the door to the second floor flat until it burst open. He then went into the home looking for a 23-year-old man. In fear of Williams, the victim climbed out of the kitchen window and hung onto the ledge to try and avoid being seen. However Williams saw him and his hand was struck with a sharp object. This caused the victim to fall on to the concrete floor outside. The fall shattered his heels but he managed to run to safety at a takeaway nearby and asked staff to call police. Meanwhile the victim's 22-year-old girlfriend had already fled the flat to get help. He suffered an injury to one of his fingers which required surgery and broke both his heels which left him unable to walk for a number of months. Williams was arrested at his home address and was interviewed by officers on Tuesday 3 December. He replied no comment to the questions put to him and was subsequently charged.

DC Rob Thorpe, from Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"I am pleased the jury has convicted Williams and justice has been served for the victim who has been fully supportive throughout the case. Williams left him in complete fear. He felt he had no choice but to cling onto the window ledge to try and avoid detection. Williams knew he was hanging out of the window and still his hand was struck which meant he fell from a considerable height and sustained serious injuries to his feet. Despite being in considerable pain, he fought through this and managed to get help from the public who called police."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"This would have been a terrifying incident for both victims so I'm glad that justice has been served. As your Police and Crime Commissioner, it is one of my key priorities that victims of crime are given the correct support to recover from their ordeal and I commission a number of services that offer tailored support to all victims of crime. I also know that Cheshire Constabulary work considerably hard to protect our communities from those who commit these offences and make our society a safer place."*

Dispersal order put in place to prevent anti-social behaviour in Bunbury Green

Officers in Ellesmere Port have issued a dispersal order following anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the Bunbury Green area of the town.

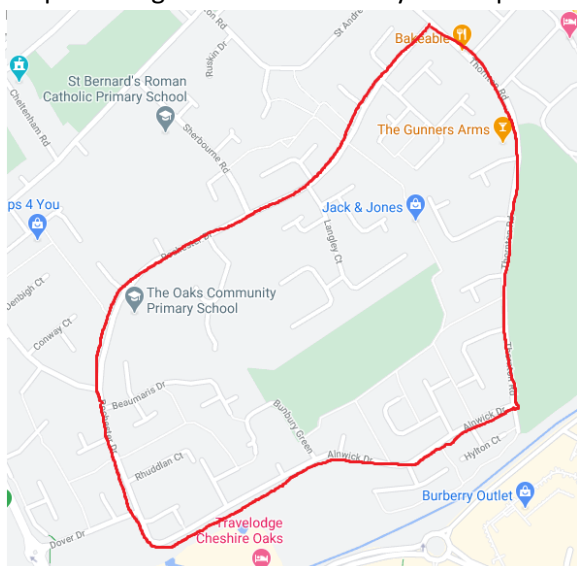
Shortly before 7pm on Thursday 8 October police were called to reports of a disturbance around the Warwick Court area of the estate. A large group of young people had gathered in the area, setting off fireworks and causing damage nearby homes. Officers quickly attended the scene, gathered vital evidence and are currently examining CCTV footage to establish the identities of those involved. The dispersal order has been imposed under Section 34 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, dispersal orders make it an offence for anyone to return to a specific area for up to 48 hours. Officers and PCSOs will be using the dispersal order powers to prevent disorder in the Bunbury Green area over the weekend. They will be used alongside the Covid-19 public health regulations currently in place, which prevent people from gathering in groups of more than six people.

CI Catherine Prichard, of Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: *“This type of behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Those involved in this kind of activity can create fear in our community and I have already visited the residents myself to assure them that we are committed to doing all that we can to tackle such behaviour. From tonight we will have additional officers out on patrols to help enforce the dispersal order and provide reassurance to local residents, we’ll new force drone on hand to collect any evidence if required. In addition, our officers are examining CCTV footage and body-worn camera and action will be taken against anyone who was involved in offences in the Bunbury Green area. It’s also important to remember that is not just about the anti-social behaviour, we are currently in the midst of a national pandemic and cases of Covid-19 are increasing every day. It’s essential that everyone adheres to the regulations which are currently in place, not only to protect yourself but also to protect your family and friends.”*

Cheshire PCC David Keane said: *“Anti-social behaviour can have an absolutely devastating impact on our communities, and I hope that the work being undertaken by Chief Inspector Catherine Prichard and her team will provide reassurance to local residents. In my role as Police and Crime Commissioner, it is also one of my key priorities that anti-social behaviour is tackled and that local residents feel safe in their communities. I will continue to work with the Chief Constable to ensure these key issues for our communities are addressed.”*

No arrests have taken place so far in relation to the disturbance and anyone with any information in relation to the incidents in Bunbury Green is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 823319, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111.

Map showing the area covered by the dispersal order:



Woman fined for failing to self-isolate when returning from holiday in Mykonos

A woman from Warrington has been fined £1,000 after failing to self-isolate when returning from holiday on a Greek island.

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary received reports that since returning from Mykonos, one of the countries included in the government's 14-day quarantine list on for travellers arriving back to the UK, the woman had left her home on several occasions – even visiting the gym three times in the week following her return. Local officers made a number of enquiries and were left with no option but to issue her with a fixed penalty notice of £1,000.

Superintendent Julie Westgate said: *“On this occasion officers from Cheshire Police have had no choice but to issue a fixed penalty notice of this nature. It’s a shame we have had to do this because the majority of Cheshire residents are sticking to the rules and are doing all they can to slow the spread of coronavirus. Unfortunately this woman put not only herself, but others at risk by consistently breaching the regulations. Our officers will always engage, explain and encourage the public to make the right decision, but in this instance they had to enforce due to the blatant flouting of the rules. We must all continue to play our part. Cheshire Police do not want to have to enforce, but in some cases such as this, it is the only way we can respond in order to protect the community, particularly in Warrington where we have seen localised restrictions due to the rising number of positive cases.”*

PCC David Keane said: *“It is disappointing to see that there is a small minority of people not following the rules. As COVID rates increase across Cheshire, it is now more important than ever that we act responsibly and do everything we can to protect those around us. We must do our best to stick to the rules in order to reduce the spread of the virus.”*

Anyone looking to report a breach of the Coronavirus legislation is urged to do so [online via our website](#). Full details of the current regulations relating to Covid-19 can be found on the [government's coronavirus section of their website](#).

Two men charged in connection with series of car thefts

Two men from Greater Manchester have been charged by officers investigating a series of car thefts.

Mark Strutt, of Glebe Street, Offerton, Stockport; and Alan Dunwoody, of Pewsey Road, Wythenshawe; were arrested when officers raided properties in Greater Manchester in the early hours of Thursday 8 October. Strutt, 42, and Dunwoody, 37, have both subsequently been charged with conspiring to steal and conspiring to commit burglary. The charges relate to the thefts of 22 cars between August 2019 and September 2020. The vehicles were stolen from Macclesfield, Disley, Congleton, Bollington, Knutsford, Northwich, Sandbach and Warrington in Cheshire and from Stockport and Altrincham in Greater Manchester. Strutt and Dunwoody appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court, via a video link, on Friday 9 October. They were remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 6 November.

Appeal for information following serious assault in Crewe

Detectives are appealing for information from the public following a serious assault in Crewe.

Shortly after 12pm today, Thursday 8 October, police were called to reports that a man had been assaulted at an address on Pedley Street. Officers attended the scene and found that a 44-year-old man had sustained stab wounds. He has been taken to the Royal Stoke Hospital where his condition is described as critical. A 47-year-old local woman has been arrested on suspicion of Section 18 assault in connection with the incident. She is currently being held in police custody.

DI Claire Jesson said: *“This investigation is in its early stages and we are doing all that we can to establish exactly what had taken place. As part of our enquiries I am keen to hear from anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in the area at the time of the incident. The same goes for anyone who was driving at the time and may have any dashcam footage which could aid our investigation.”*

Anyone with information or dashcam footage that may help the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 822881, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>.

Former football coach Barry Bennell has been sentenced for sexually abusing two young boys more than 30 years ago

Former football coach Barry Bennell has today (Thursday 8 October) been sentenced for sexually abusing two young boys more than 30 years ago.

The 66-year-old, who is currently in prison after being convicted of similar offences in 2018, appeared via video link at Chester Crown Court, where he was sentenced to an extra four years in prison – to run consecutively to his current 30-year prison term. This means a total sentence of 34 years in custody, with an additional two years on licence. In July 2020, Bennell pleaded guilty to nine sexual offences in relation to two victims. The offences include one count of buggery and six counts of indecent assault in relation to one victim and two counts of buggery in relation to the second victim. The boys were aged between 11 and 14 at the time of the offences, which date back to between 1979 and 1988.

Following sentencing, DI Sarah Oliver, who has been leading on the case, said: *“Today, Barry Bennell has been sentenced for further sexual offences against young boys. There is no doubt that he is a predatory paedophile who abused his position of trust for his own sexual gratification and the sentence handed down today reinforces that. No-one should ever have to experience what these boys did – and at such a young age. Bennell was highly regarded by many and took advantage of these budding footballers at a time in their life when he knew they were vulnerable. He knew right from wrong but continued on the path that sadly destroyed many lives along the way. He has shown little remorse for his actions – but, in this case, did spare his victims the trauma of having to re-live what happened to them during a trial by admitting his guilt. This would undoubtedly have been a very difficult and upsetting experience for them. I hope that this decision helps to provide them with some closure after so many years of pain trying to deal with and make sense of what happened to them.”*

Today’s sentencing follows on from Bennell’s previous jail term handed down in 2018 after he was found guilty of 43 offences including indecent assault, buggery and attempted buggery following a lengthy trial at Liverpool Crown Court. The offences related to 12 victims and took place between 1979 and 1991. Bennell also pleaded guilty at the start of the trial to seven further offences (bringing the total convictions to 50).

DI Oliver added: *“No-one should ever feel ashamed about talking about what happened to them – no matter how long ago that might be. We should never underestimate the impact that this type of offending has on the victims. In this case, they have shown remarkable bravery and courage and I would like to thank them for their continued support throughout the investigation. I hope that the conclusion today helps to close a painful chapter and hopefully open up a new one where they can start to rebuild their lives.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“It is vitally important that victims of sexual abuse come forward and talk about what happened to them so justice can be served on perpetrators of sexual abuse. Anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse – no matter how long ago the incident took place – is urged to come forward and report it. I will continue to work with victims to ensure they are listened to and are provided with the relevant specialist support that they need.”*

Two Liverpool teenagers charged following Warrington burglary

Two teenage boys from Liverpool who were arrested in connection with a burglary in Warrington have been charged.

The pair were both arrested on the M62 at around 1am on Tuesday 6 October, following a burglary at an address on Sycamore Lane, Great Sankey, where a car was stolen. The boys, who are both aged 17 and cannot be named for legal reasons, have been charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of aggravated vehicle taking. The teenagers have both been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Wednesday 7 October.

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Appeal following burglary at fast food outlet in Runcorn

Police are appealing for information and footage from members of the public after a fast food outlet was targeted by burglars in Runcorn.

Two people wearing caps and face coverings broke into the KFC restaurant on Hospital Way near The Shopping City at around 1.45am on Monday 12 October. After carrying out an untidy search of the premises, they stole two empty tills and a sealed cardboard box that containing paperwork. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage that may help their investigation to get in touch.

PC Dawn Taylor, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“The two offenders did not steal anything valuable from the KFC outlet, but burglary is a serious offence and we are determined to establish their identities and make them face the consequences of their actions. Our investigation is currently in its early stages and we are following a number of lines of enquiry, including CCTV and forensics. As part of our enquiries we want to speak to anyone who was in the area in the early hours of Monday 12 October and witnessed anything suspicious. The same goes for any motorists who were driving in the area around the time of the incident and believes they may have captured the offenders on their dashcams. We also want to hear from anyone who believes they may know who the offenders are. I urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact the team here at Runcorn Police Station.”*

Anyone with information or dashcam footage that may aid the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 825830, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after boy has his bike stolen in Runcorn robbery

Detectives are appealing for information from members of the public after a boy had his bicycle stolen in a robbery in Runcorn.

The victim, a 12-year-old from the town, was riding his lime green mountain bike along Heath Road when the incident occurred near the junction with Boston Avenue at around 5pm on Sunday 11 October. An unknown man approached the boy from behind and pushed him off the bike onto the floor, causing minor injuries to the victim. The offender then rode off on the bike into the Town Hall park. He was white and looked to be in his mid to late 20s and around 6' 4" tall. The offender had a slim build and brown eyes and was wearing a black hooded zip-up top with the hood up, dark grey tracksuit bottoms, black trainers and a black face mask. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage regarding the robbery to get in touch.

DC Nathaniel Walkowiak, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"The young victim has understandably been left upset and shaken up by this frightening incident. Thankfully he has his bike back. We found it at a well-known abandoned house in Irwell lane, Runcorn, around 25 minutes after the robbery took place. I would like to reassure members of the community that the fact the stolen bike has been recovered in no way diminishes our determination to establish who committed the robbery and make him face the consequences of his actions. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may aid our investigation to contact us at Runcorn Police Station. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offender is, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him."*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 825523, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Spate of thefts from cars in Runcorn

Detectives are urging motorists to be vigilant following a spate of thefts in Runcorn.

Since 4.30am on Monday 5 October nine vehicles have been targeted across the town. A number of items have been stolen from inside including tools, sunglasses and small personal belongings. While enquiries to trace those responsible are ongoing, residents are being reminded to ensure their vehicles are locked and secure to reduce the chances of becoming a victim.

DS Rob McLoughlin, from Runcorn Policing Unit, said: *"In the last few days we have seen a rise in the number of vehicles targeted by thieves seeking an opportunity to steal items that have been left inside. We have been conducting a number of enquiries including CCTV and house-to-house to find those responsible. I am appealing for information on anyone who may have been seen acting suspiciously in the area since the early hours of Monday 5 October. We believe the vehicles to have been unlocked at the time and therefore I am urging everyone to ensure their cars are safely locked and secure at all times and to also remove valuable items."*

If you have any information please contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 820557 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following attempted robbery in Middlewich

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an attempted robbery in Middlewich.

Shortly before 8pm on Sunday 4 October an unknown man entered a convenience store on Wheelock Street. The man approached the counter and passed a note to the shop assistant, stating that he was armed and demanding that the employee hand over all the cash from the till. The store worker refused to comply and the man subsequently fled the store on foot. The suspect is described as a man, of slim build and around 6'1 to 6'4" tall. He was wearing dark grey/blue jogging bottoms, a plain black waist length zip up jacket and navy blue gloves with a white, square shaped emblem on the back of the hands. Throughout the incident his face was covered by a plain grey scarf or bandanna, he was also wearing a black baseball cap.

DC Simon Knowles said: *"Thankfully on this occasion the suspect fled the scene empty handed and there were no injuries. However, the victim in the case has been left shaken and we are keen to do all that we can to trace the person responsible. Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and I am keen to hear from anyone with any information which may aid our investigation. I'd specifically like to hear from a number of other customers who were in the store at the time of the incident. I would also like to ask anyone who may have captured dashcam or CCTV footage of the suspect to come forward."*

Anyone with any information is urged to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 820302 or [report it via our website](#). Information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or [report it via the Crimestoppers website](#).

Appeal after three men are attacked in Winsford

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an assault in Winsford.

At around 9pm on Thursday 1 October three men were attacked in an alleyway that runs between Delamere Street and Hilltop Avenue. The men, aged 27, 39 and 45, then attended to a pub on Delamere Street with serious injuries believed to have been caused by a machete. They were all taken to hospital by ambulance where they remain in a serious but stable condition. Detectives have been conducting a number of enquiries and are urging anyone with information to come forward.

DC John Corrigan, from Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *"Since the attack took place we have been following a number of lines of enquiry to piece together the circumstances of the incident. At this stage we believe the attack took place in the alleyway with the men suffering slash wounds from a weapon similar to a machete. While we continue with the investigation, I am urging anyone who was either in this area, or the pub between 8.30pm and 9pm, and has information – no matter how small – to please come forward."*

If you have information please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 818070. Information can also be submitted through the police [website](#)

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Man sentenced following fatal collision in Wilmslow

A man who drove through a red light and killed a 46-year-old woman as she crossed a road in Wilmslow has been sentenced.

David Bacon appeared at Chester Crown Court today, Friday 16 October, where he was sentenced to 18 months in prison suspended for two years. He was also ordered to do 200 hours unpaid work, complete 20 days rehabilitation and must adhere to a four month curfew from 8pm until 6am. In addition, Bennett was banned from driving for three years and will be required to take an extended retest. The 53-year-old, of Benson Walk, Wilmslow, had earlier pleaded guilty to death by careless driving.

The collision took place at around 5.39pm on Monday 4 February 2019. Prior to the incident Bacon had been at the Unicorn public house in Dean Row. After leaving the pub he drove his silver Peugeot 206 towards Wilmslow on Dean Row Road. As he approached the junction of Pinewood Road Bacon sped up and overtook another car in an attempt to get through the oncoming traffic lights before they turned red. However, Bacon misjudged the timings and subsequently hit 46-year-old Samantha Jones, as she was crossing the road. Due to the nature of the collision officers were unable to calculate the exact speed that he was travelling at. However, a nearby motorist stated that they believed he was exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The impact of the collision caused Samantha to be thrown into the air before landing on the road. Samantha sustained a number of serious injuries and sadly, despite the best efforts of paramedics at the scene, she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Following today's sentencing PC Geraint Williams, from Cheshire Constabulary's Roads Policing Investigations unit said: *"Driving is a privilege, not a right and when you get a licence you agree to follow the rules of the road. In this case it is clear that Bacon was flouting those rules. In his defence he claimed that he couldn't see Samantha as it was too dark. But that fact of matter is that he choose to deliberately speed up and drive through the lights, rather than wait for just 30 seconds. As a result of that decision a 46-year-old woman is now dead. Samantha's family have been absolutely devastated by her death and I hope that the conclusion of this case will allow her family to start to rebuild their lives. If anything can be achieved from Samantha's death I hope that it acts as a warning to other motorists that the decisions you make behind the wheel can change not only your life but that of others. Keep that in mind when you're behind the wheel."*

Cheshire PCC David Keane added: *"Collisions are the biggest killer in Cheshire and sadly, Samantha was one of 36 people who lost their lives on our roads in 2019. That's 36 people who didn't come home, 36 families who had their whole worlds completely shattered, and 36 people whose lives which were cut short. That is why, as your Police and Crime Commissioner, road safety is one of my key priorities and I am committed to continuing to work with Cheshire Constabulary and partner agencies to reduce the number of serious incidents on our roads and motorways."*

Man jailed following failed ATM attack in Warrington

A man who attempted to steal a cash machine in Warrington has been jailed for more than four years.

David Bennett, 42, was one of a four offenders who arrived at the Co-operative store in Bridge Shopping Centre, Maybrook Place, Latchford, at around 10.45pm on Thursday 28 May in two stolen vehicles. After getting out of the black BMW and the white van, the group forced open the store's shutter doors. Once inside they placed a heavy duty chain around the cash machine and attempted to pull it out of the shop using the van. After failing to do so and failing to gain access to the cash inside the machine, the offenders fled in the BMW. They left the van at the scene.



Officers from Warrington response attended the scene, and quickly located the BMW abandoned outside an address on Hardwick Road in Partington. An investigation was launched by Detectives from Warrington Beat Initiative Team (BIT), and subsequent ANPR enquiries revealed that a vehicle registered to a nearby Hardwick Road address had travelled past the Co-op store in convoy with a white transit van in the days prior to the burglary – the vehicles appeared to be scoping out the premises ahead of the burglary. The vehicle was insured to Bennett, and following a lengthy investigation, on Friday 9 September officers executed a warrant at his Hardwick Road home. They seized a number of items from the address, including a heavy duty chain, hydraulic metal cutters, mole grips and a lump hammer. Bennett was arrested at the address and subsequent DNA tests proved that he had handled the chain which was used in the burglary. Traces of his DNA were also found in the BMW. Bennett was subsequently charged with burglary. He appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 15 October where he was jailed for four-and-a-half years after admitting the offence.

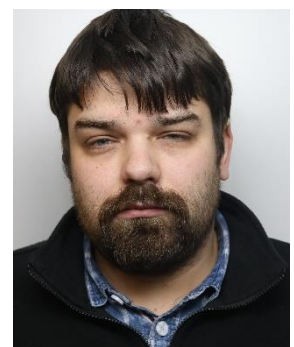
Following his sentencing, DC Ian Morris, who led the investigation at Warrington BIT, said: *“While the nation was in lockdown as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, Bennett and his accomplices were using the period as an opportunity to commit crime. They were unsuccessful in their attempts to steal money, but they did cause more than £10,000 worth of damage to the cash machine and store. Bennett believed that officers would never be able to trace him. He was sorely mistaken. He made no comment during his Police interview, but after seeing the strength of the evidence gathered against him Bennett realised that there was no way out. He pleaded guilty at court and is now facing the consequences of his actions. I hope Bennett’s sentencing provides some comfort to the victims in the case, and I would like to reassure them that we won’t give up on our efforts to trace the outstanding offenders and that should any new information come to light we will act upon it.”*

Cheshire PCC David Keane added: *“Burglary, both residential and business, is a serious offence. As the PCC for Cheshire, I understand the impact that burglaries have on victims, which is why tackling this serious crime is one of my key priorities. I welcome the sentence handed to the offender in this case and I would like to thank all the officers involved in the investigation. As a result of their work, a burglar is now behind bars.”*

Ellesmere Port man jailed for indecent images offences

A 32-year-old man from Ellesmere Port has been sentenced to two years in prison following an investigation into indecent images.

John King, formerly of King Street, Ellesmere Port appeared at Chester Crown Court on 9 October to be sentenced after pleading guilty to possession, making and distribution and taking of indecent images. He was also given a 10 year Sexual Harm



Prevention Order. Detectives from Cheshire Constabulary's Online Child Abuse Investigation Team carried out a warrant on 10 December 2019 after it received information that an account associated to King had downloaded indecent images. Once detectives began to examine the contents of his computers and phone they discovered hundreds of indecent images. King was subsequently charged.

DC Leanne Brundrett said: *"People like King need to realise that what they are doing is putting children in danger and harming them both physically and mentally. Our team is dedicated to protecting vulnerable children. By working with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection agency we are tirelessly tracking down those who pose a risk to young people with their abhorrent exploitation and we will continue to put people like King before courts to ensure their victims are getting justice. People need understand that their behaviour is not going unnoticed and you could find us knocking at your door."*

Man jailed for arson attack at sheltered accommodation in Warrington

A 28-year-old man from Warrington has been jailed after deliberately starting a fire at sheltered accommodation in the town and then blaming a fellow resident for the arson attack.

Christopher Delooze, of no fixed address, set fire to an empty television box in his room at around 10pm on Tuesday 17 December. As the fire took hold, he left the sheltered accommodation in Lovely Lane, Warrington, without telling anyone about the blaze. The premises contained a total of 29 people when he left it. The fire activated a smoke alarm, and after discovering the blaze in Delooze's room staff called 999 and evacuated the building. The fire caused extensive damage to the room before being extinguished by firefighters and the residents had to be moved to alternative accommodation for the night. A fire investigator established that the fire was started deliberately. Delooze was subsequently arrested and charged with arson with intent to endanger life. Despite having made threats to burn down the building to other residents and having a previous conviction for arson, Delooze denied setting the fire. He claimed that another resident, a 24-year-old man also from Warrington, was responsible for the blaze. It took nine months for Delooze to admit to starting the fire. He pleaded guilty to the lesser offence of arson being reckless to whether life is endangered. This was accepted by the prosecution and Delooze was sentenced for the offence at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 15 October. He was jailed for seven years.



DC Rob Thorpe, who led the investigation into the arson incident on behalf of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"I am pleased that Christopher Delooze is behind bars facing the consequences of his actions. He has a previous conviction for arson and on the night of Tuesday 17 December he deliberately set fire to his room at sheltered accommodation whilst under the influence of alcohol and then fled without raising the alarm. There were 29 other people inside the building at the time. The fire caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the room and forced the residents to be moved to alternative accommodation, but thankfully no-one was injured. The consequences of this incident could have been far worse. Delooze was captured on CCTV footage threatening to burn the building 'to the ground' shortly before the fire was set. He was also captured fleeing his room around the time that the fire was started. Yet Delooze refused to accept responsibility for his actions until the 11th hour, instead attempting to pin the blame on another resident. The strength of the evidence we gathered against Delooze ultimately led to him having little choice than to admit being the arsonist and I hope that this case deters others from committing similar offences."*

On top of his custodial sentence, Delooze was ordered to pay a £181 victim surcharge.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *“Fire spreads quickly and can put lives as well as properties in danger. Thankfully no-one was injured as a result of this incident and I would like to thank the officers involved in this investigation for securing the level of evidence required to establish the identity of the arsonist and bring him to justice.”*

Runcorn man charged with class A drug dealing offences

A 29-year-old man from Runcorn has been charged with class A drug dealing offences.

Ricky Hope, of Caithness Court, was arrested in Cooper Street in Runcorn town centre at around 11.15am on Wednesday 14 October. He has subsequently been charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine and being concerned in the supply of the class A drug. The charges relate to a warrant that was executed in Cooper Street on the morning of Wednesday 14 October. Hope appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court, via a video link, on Thursday 15 October. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 12 November.

Two men jailed after attempting to rob taxi driver at knifepoint

Two men from Chester have been jailed after attempting to rob a taxi driver at knifepoint in the city.

Michael Creevy, 46, and Philip Corbett, 45, pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and making off without payment when they appeared at Chester Crown Court, via a video link, on Wednesday 23 September. The pair were sentenced for the offences at the same court on Wednesday 14 October. Creevy was jailed for four years and nine months and Corbett was handed a four-year prison sentence. The pair were also each ordered to pay a £190 victim surcharge. They committed the offences at around 2.30am on Thursday 27 August.



After taking a taxi from outside their home in Norman Way, Blacon, Chester, to Kingsway in the city and back, they told the driver that the money for the fare was inside their address. The driver gave Creevy and Corbett permission to leave the taxi to get the cash from their home. When they returned the driver asked for the money he was owed. At that point one of the offenders walked behind the driver and restrained him whilst the other held a knife against his stomach and made several demands for cash. They then began to search the driver, who managed to escape their clutches and run away from them up Sherwood Road. Creevy and Corbett then tried to open the taxi’s doors, which were locked, before going back to their home empty-handed. Police were called and the pair were located and arrested within minutes. Creevy and Corbett refused to answer any questions whilst in custody, but they admitted to being responsible for the attempted robbery as soon as the case progressed to a crown court.

DC Karina Monks, who led the investigation on behalf of Chester CID, said: *“Michael Creevy and Philip Corbett subjected the taxi driver to a terrifying ordeal. After failing to pay him for taking them to where they wanted to go, the pair demanded cash from the driver and threatened him with a knife in the street. Thankfully he managed to get away from them without being harmed or having anything stolen. In addition, he was able to tell us where the pair were so that we could arrest them and have them brought to justice. With the extent of the evidence we gathered against Creevy and Corbett, they had little choice other than to plead guilty to attempted robbery and making off without payment. I am delighted that they have now*

received custodial sentences for their actions that night and I hope that this brings some closure to the victim and enables him to move forward with his life. I also hope that the convictions of Creevy and Corbett serve as a deterrent to other people and stops them from committing similar crimes, and that this case sends out a strong message that knife crime will not be tolerated. At Cheshire Constabulary we are committed to doing all we can to tackle knife crime. We will respond robustly to any knife related incidents and do everything we can to ensure that anyone found to be carrying a knife or committing a knife related offence is brought to justice.”

CI Sarah Heath, who is Cheshire Constabulary’s knife crime lead, added: *“Cheshire has a lower rate of knife crime than most other counties in England. We saw a reduction in knife crime in Cheshire last year, in contrast to the rise in knife crime that was seen nationally. However, we will not be satisfied until we have achieved our goal of achieving weapons-free streets throughout Cheshire. We have a multi-faceted approach to tackling knife crime at Cheshire Constabulary and we will continue to work alongside various partner agencies to endeavour – through education, awareness and action – to make Cheshire a county in which no-one carries a knife or feels that there is a reason to do so. However, the police cannot achieve this goal on our own. Knife crime is a societal problem that cannot be solved without the support of the whole society. I urge anyone with information regarding knife crimes or those who carry weapons to give us the details. “If you know someone who carries a knife then reporting it to the police could be enough to save a life.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“The consequences of carrying a knife can be devastating for everyone involved. As the county’s police and crime commissioner, I will continue to work with Cheshire Constabulary and our communities to reduce the number of dangerous weapons on our streets, and to educate people about the dangers of knife crime, and I urge anyone with information about those who carry such weapons to come forward in confidence and report it.”*

To report any type of crime involving weapons call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Information can also be passed to the force online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. Anyone who knows someone that carries a knife can report it to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Family pay tribute following Warrington murder

The son and daughter of vulnerable man who was beaten to death in Warrington town centre have paid tribute to him.

53-year-old Michael Mairs died on Monday 28 October having been attacked by Daniel Sharples on Sunday 6 October 2019. Sharples, 38, was today, Wednesday 14 October, found guilty of murdering Michael after a seven day trial at Liverpool Crown Court. Following today’s verdict, Michael’s son and daughter said: *“What Sharples did on the afternoon of 6 October 2019 will live with us forever; that day, Sharples set out to kill and our dad was unfortunately caught in the crossfire. It goes without saying that Sharples’ actions were those of a vile bully. We will never forget the funny, bubbly, caring man our dad once was. We, as a family, would like to thank all the witnesses who came forward and those who tried to help our dad that day. We are more than grateful.”*

A man who repeatedly kicked a helpless wheelchair-bound father-of-two to death in Warrington has been found guilty of murder.

Daniel Sharples was convicted of killing 53-year-old Michael Mairs following an eight day trial at Liverpool Crown Court which concluded on Wednesday 14 September.

The 38-year-old of Griesdale Avenue, Orford, Warrington, will be sentenced on Tuesday 27 October. The attack took place on Sunday 6 October 2019. Sharples began his day at 9.40am when he went for breakfast with a pint at the Looking Glass in Warrington town centre. He then went on to the Hop Pole where he had more alcohol to drink along with several shots of Sambuca. Sharples then left the pub at around midday and made his way up Winwick Street. As he went under the railway bridges he came across Michael who was drinking with friends. Sharples began to verbally abuse the group, before attacking Michael's two friends – who both fled the scene after being repeatedly punched in the face. He then turned his attention to Michael who was unable to escape – he initially punching him in the face, before tipping his wheelchair over and repeatedly kicking him in the head as he lay helpless on the floor. As the attack continued, a member of the public intervened and attempted to pull Sharples off Michael, who was barely conscious on the floor. However, the attack was not over, and before fleeing the scene he grabbed Michael's wheelchair from underneath him and tossed it aside. He then ran off on foot, but was arrested a short time later after attempting to evade officers.



Upon his arrest Sharples admitted the attack – claiming that he carried it out as Michael had sold heroin to his son. Michael was initially treated at the scene by paramedics before being transported to Warrington District General Hospital with injuries reported to be life threatening by the Paramedics. Due to the severity of his injuries, he was placed into an induced coma and transferred to intensive care. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, Michael never regained consciousness and died on Monday 28 October. A post mortem found that whilst Michael had suffered multiple organ failure, the central cause of death was the significant facial injuries sustained during the violent attack.

Sharples was initially charged with Section 47 assault to which he pleaded guilty. However, following Michael's death, Sharples was interviewed again by Cheshire officers and then subsequently charged with Murder.



Daniel Sharples following his arrest



Daniel Sharples running away from officers

Following today's verdict DI Helen Clegg said: *"This was a totally unprovoked attack on a vulnerable man who had no way of defending himself. On the day of the incident Michael was simply socialising with his friends and minding his own business. Sharples is a strong and powerful man and used his kick boxing experience to launch a vicious and sustained attack on Michael as he sat helpless in his wheelchair. He was totally focused on inflicting serious harm. Throughout the investigation Sharples has never shown any remorse. Instead, attempted to place the blame on Michael, claiming that he had sold drugs to his son, claims that were totally unsubstantiated. He went on to claim that he had taken Valium prior to the attack and was unable to control himself and had no recollection of what happened. Thankfully, the jury have seen through his lies and he is now facing the consequences of his actions."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"This crime shocked the local community and deeply saddened all those who knew Michael. I would like to thank all of the officers involved in the investigation who have helped to get justice for Michael's family and friends. My thoughts are with them at this difficult time I hope this conviction gives them some form of comfort."*

DI Clegg added: *"I would like to thank all of the member of the public who helped Michael on the day, along with those who have come forward with information. Their evidence was compelling and a driving force behind the conviction of this man for Michael's murder. I'd also like to acknowledge the courage that Michael's children have shown throughout this case. I hope the conviction of Sharples will help them, and all those who knew him, to continue to come to terms with what happened and move forward with their lives."*

Police warning after rise in road deaths in Cheshire

Cheshire Police is urging road users to pay attention, drive carefully and drive to the condition of the road as we head into the winter months.

The number of people who have lost their lives on Cheshire's roads between June and September this year has doubled in comparison to the same period in 2019. In recent years police have found that many collisions occur as a result of someone committing one of the Fatal 5 offences - careless driving, speeding, drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone while driving and not wearing a seatbelt.

Inspector for Cheshire Police's Serious and complex collision investigation Unit, Steve Griffiths, said: *"This time of year we usually see an increase in the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads. Winter months can present some challenging driving conditions. We want road users to be able to use the roads safely and prevent any further tragic collisions from occurring. Think before you overtake and make sure it is safe to do so, concentrate when pulling out of a junction, look out for cyclists and motorcyclists, leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front and drive appropriately for the road and weather conditions. We spend a considerable amount of time educating road users on the dangers of the Fatal 5 and we explain the consequences that one reckless decision on our roads can have – and now, more than ever, road users need to take note. Officers are out policing the roads 24 hours of the day 365 days of the year, and they will stop anyone they believe to be committing one of the Fatal 5 offences. We also actively encourage members of the public to submit dashcam footage and act on this information even after an incident may have occurred. We do not do this for the sake of it, we do it to save lives."*

PCC for Cheshire, David Keane, said: *"Road safety is a critical issue for all communities. Most have been affected at some point by injury or death caused by road traffic collisions, and all will have experienced risks using the roads. Making our roads safer is one of my key priorities and something I am constantly*

campaigning for to make Cheshire safer. There have been too many tragic deaths and serious injuries sustained on Cheshire's roads over the last four months and I am urging the public to listen to the advice given by Cheshire Police and drive carefully to prevent any further deaths from occurring."

Burglar racially abused man in Widnes before assaulting two police officers

A burglar who racially abused a member of the public before assaulting two police officers has been jailed.

Marshall Tung, of no fixed address, directed a racial slur at a man after trying to open a window to his Widnes home shortly before 12 midnight on Wednesday 9 September. The victim was inside his house at the time. He had asked Tung to leave his address after spotting him looking inside the car parked on the driveway. Tung's attempts to open the window that the victim was stood behind scared and shocked him. The police were called and officers located and arrested Tung in the Highfield Road area minutes later. Whilst in custody in Runcorn, the 33-year-old kicked a police officer in his knee in a holding cell area. When he was being booked in at the custody desk, Tung threatened to bite another officer and attempted to do so. Tung initially gave officers a false name but it was soon established that he was a wanted man, with DNA evidence linking him to a burglary at a flat in George Street, Liverpool. Two laptops were stolen during the burglary, which occurred between 1pm on Saturday 4 July and 2am the following day and was investigated by Merseyside Police. Tung refused to answer questions when interviewed in custody but he pleaded guilty to four offences – the burglary, racially aggravated intentional harassment, assaulting a police officer and common assault of a police officer – as soon as the case against him progressed to a crown court. He was subsequently jailed for a total of three-and-a-half years at Chester Crown Court on Friday 9 October.



DC Laura Sandbach, who led the investigation on behalf of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *"I am delighted that Marshall Tung is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions. Whilst being a wanted man for a burglary he carried out in Liverpool in July, Tung committed three offences in a day in Halton. He racially abused a man during a harassment incident at the victim's address and then assaulted two police officers whilst in custody. Racial abuse in any form is simply not acceptable. We are aware of the significant emotional and personal impact that hate crimes have on victims and they will not be tolerated in Cheshire. The same goes for assaults on police officers and any other emergency service worker. I hope the fact that Tung has now been convicted of, and jailed for, the offences he committed provides his victims with some closure, and I also hope this case deters others from committing such crimes."*

Superintendent Laura Marler, who oversees policing in Halton, added: *"The nature of policing inevitably requires officers to deal with violent and challenging situations, but, regardless of the situation, being assaulted by a member of the public we serve should never be seen as an acceptable 'part of the job'. To assault an officer, or any other emergency service worker, is to attack society itself. Officers being taken off the streets because of assaults by members of the public impacts on the level of service we can provide to the communities we serve and protect. Such absences not only have a detrimental effect on the resourcing of incidents, they increase pressures on other officers too, due to the additional responsibilities they have to take on to ensure that we meet the needs of the public. Assaults also often cause distress to family members, particularly when the officer suffers psychological or visible physical injuries."*

David Keane, the PCC for Cheshire, said: *"I support tough sentences for the crime of attacking an officer. Such attacks are despicable, now more than ever. This year officers have been risking their own safety, and that of*

their families, as they work on the frontline during the coronavirus pandemic. This is an unprecedented time when, thankfully, most members of our communities have been pulling together and supporting our frontline workers. Sadly, there still remains a small minority of people who disrespect the police and even think that it is acceptable to assault officers. Such assaults are completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated by Cheshire Constabulary.”

On top of his custodial sentence, Tung was ordered to pay a £190 victim surcharge.

Public reminded to stay safe online as police target romance fraud

The people of Cheshire are being advised to stay safe when dating online as part of a national campaign targeting romance fraud.

Throughout October officers will be raising awareness and providing advice to the public on how to spot the signs to help prevent them from becoming a victim. Romance fraud, or dating fraud, takes place when you think you’ve met the perfect partner online but they are using a fake profile to form a relationship with you. They gain your trust over a number of weeks or months and have you believe you are in a loving and caring relationship. However, the criminal’s end goal is only ever to get your money or personal information.

DS Chris Jacques, from Cheshire Police’s Economic Crime Unit, said: *“It is important to understand that people who commit these crimes do so in an incredibly sophisticated way and often target those most vulnerable. It affects victims emotionally as well as financially and often leaves them blaming themselves. Throughout the month we will be going that extra mile to make people aware of what signs to look out for as well encouraging people who have become a victim to report it to us knowing they will be given support.”*

The campaign, being led by the City of London Police, will involve supporting vulnerable people and targeting those who commit these crimes. The top five platforms where victims reported first interacting with a criminal committing romance fraud were Facebook, Plenty of Fish, Instagram, Tinder and Match.com. As part of the campaign the Match Group, who own OK Cupid, Plenty of Fish, Tinder and Match.com, are running romance fraud protection adverts throughout October on these platforms, to inform their users how to spot the signs of a romance fraud and how to protect themselves online.

These include:

- Avoid giving away too many personal details to someone you’ve never met in person – such as your full name, date of birth and home address
- Stay on the site’s messaging service until you meet in person
- Use the site’s reporting tool if you are suspicious of someone online, which will help protect you and others.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“These fraudsters will do anything for their own criminal gain and leave a serious financial and emotional impact on those they target. Economic crime can have a long-lasting impact on its victims, so it’s important we not only provide support for victims of economic crime but also provide advice to stop local residents falling victim to scams. I know that the Economic Crime Unit is working hard to make the public aware of these scams while narrowing down on the fraudsters who believe they can get away with it.”*

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Latest Cheshire Appeals

Family pay tribute to man who died following incident in Winsford

The family of man who died following an incident in Winsford have paid tribute to him.

Keagan Crimes, 27, died on Sunday 11 October following a disturbance in Cheviot Square. Two other men, aged 26 and 36, were also injured during the incident. Keagan's family have now issued the following tribute: *"As a family we are devastated at the loss of our Keagan. It's left a massive hole in our family. We thank everyone for their kind and sincere words. It does mean a lot to us. We urge anyone that has any information, no matter how small, to step forward and please pass it on to the police."*



Three 16-year-old boys were arrested on suspicion of murder earlier this week in connection with the incident. They have since been released on conditional bail. Another two teenage boys, age 17 and 15, were arrested on Thursday 15 October. They were both arrested on suspicion of murder and remain in custody at this time where they assisting police with their investigation.

DI Adam Waller, who is leading the investigation, said: *"We're doing all we can to establish the full circumstances of what has happened and enquiries very much remain ongoing. Police patrols are continuing in the local area and officers remain in the town to provide reassurance. I would urge anyone who has information that they believe could help with our investigation to please get in touch. If anyone has any mobile phone or dashcam footage from around the time of the incident, I would also ask them to send this to us through the Major Incident Public Portal."*

Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 825705 or via the [Major Incident Public Portal](#). Alternatively, information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via the [Crimestoppers website](#).

Man wanted in connection with assault incidents in Crewe

Officers are appealing to members of the public to help locate a man they want to speak to in connection with two separate assault incidents in Crewe.

Grzegorz Tyliba lives in Crewe and is believed to currently be in the town. The 29-year-old is 5' 7" tall with a proportionate build. He is white and has mousy hair and blue eyes. Anyone who sees Tyliba, or has information regarding his whereabouts, is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary immediately on 101, quoting IML 807061. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal following burglary at fast food outlet in Runcorn

Police are appealing for information and footage from members of the public after a fast food outlet was targeted by burglars in Runcorn.

Two people wearing caps and face coverings broke into the KFC restaurant on Hospital Way near The Shopping City at around 1.45am on Monday 12 October. After carrying out an untidy search of the premises, they stole two empty tills and a sealed cardboard box that containing paperwork. Enquiries in relation to the

incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage that may help their investigation to get in touch.

PC Dawn Taylor, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“The two offenders did not steal anything valuable from the KFC outlet, but burglary is a serious offence and we are determined to establish their identities and make them face the consequences of their actions. Our investigation is currently in its early stages and we are following a number of lines of enquiry, including CCTV and forensics. As part of our enquiries we want to speak to anyone who was in the area in the early hours of Monday 12 October and witnessed anything suspicious. The same goes for any motorists who were driving in the area around the time of the incident and believes they may have captured the offenders on their dashcams. We also want to hear from anyone who believes they may know who the offenders are. I urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact the team here at Runcorn Police Station.”*

Anyone with information or dashcam footage that may aid the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 825830, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after boy has his bike stolen in Runcorn robbery

Detectives are appealing for information from members of the public after a boy had his bicycle stolen in a robbery in Runcorn.

The victim, a 12-year-old from the town, was riding his lime green mountain bike along Heath Road when the incident occurred near the junction with Boston Avenue at around 5pm on Sunday 11 October. An unknown man approached the boy from behind and pushed him off the bike onto the floor, causing minor injuries to the victim. The offender then rode off on the bike into the Town Hall park. He was white and looked to be in his mid to late 20s and around 6' 4" tall. The offender had a slim build and brown eyes and was wearing a black hooded zip-up top with the hood up, dark grey tracksuit bottoms, black trainers and a black face mask. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage regarding the robbery to get in touch.

DC Nathaniel Walkowiak, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“The young victim has understandably been left upset and shaken up by this frightening incident. Thankfully he has his bike back. We found it at a well-known abandoned house in Irwell lane, Runcorn, around 25 minutes after the robbery took place. I would like to reassure members of the community that the fact the stolen bike has been recovered in no way diminishes our determination to establish who committed the robbery and make him face the consequences of his actions. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may aid our investigation to contact us at Runcorn Police Station. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offender is, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 825523, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Blackmailer jailed after taking advantage of elderly man in Congleton

A 35-year-old blackmailer who took advantage of an elderly man in Congleton has been jailed.

Robert Hughes, known locally as Bungle, forced his way into the 79-year-old's home to take money from him after making the victim believe he had photographic evidence of him with a woman. Hughes was sentenced to six years in prison on Friday 16 October at Chester Crown Court after being found guilty of blackmail, robbery and five counts of burglary following a 5-day trial. He pleaded guilty to separate offences of theft from a motor vehicle and fraud before the trial began. The blackmail began in February of this year when Hughes told the woman to visit the gentleman's home and make sexual advances towards him. The victim believed he knew her and let her into his house. A couple of days later Hughes visited the victim claiming he had a photo of him with the woman and made demands for money. Almost every week afterwards Hughes would go to the man's house claiming to need the toilet and while he was there he searched for money. The victim believes Hughes had stolen a total of around £100. The court heard from a number of witnesses who saw Hughes coming and going from the man's home. They described the victim as extremely vulnerable due to his age and with no family to support him. On 10 June Hughes was arrested at his home address.



DS Keith Graham, of Macclesfield CID, said: *"Hughes took advantage of an elderly and vulnerable man by forcing his way into his home to take his money. Over four months he was left scared and feeling he had no choice but to keep giving into his demands. Despite the victim having no close family for support the local community were looking out for him and spotted something wasn't right about Hughes' actions and reported it to police. Following the actions of residents, officers from the beat initiative team, response and CID worked together to conduct an excellent investigation and securing enough evidence to ensure the jury found him guilty."*

Officers also applied for Hughes to receive a criminal behaviour order which was granted by the court.

Officers launch operation to help tackle community concerns in Winsford

Officers in Winsford are launching a new operation to help address concerns raised by the local community.

Following the death of Keagan Crimes after an incident in Cheviot Square on Sunday 11 October, the local policing unit has been contacted by residents raising a number of issues. Some are particularly concerned about knife crime following a number of recent incidents in the town. To help address those concerns, the local Beat Management Team is launching a new operation, which is being led by Sgt Danny Haddock.

Sgt Haddock said: *“Having been based in Winsford for more than 12 years I know the community well and I know how committed local residents are in wanting to keep the area safe. Understandably, recent events have caused concern in the local community and we want to reassure residents that, in the case of Keagan’s death, it appears that this was not a random attack and many of those involved were known to each other, although we don’t believe that Keagan was targeted specifically. It’s also important to remember that knife crime is not an issue that is unique to Winsford and it is worth noting that Cheshire has one of the lowest number of knife crime incidents in the country. However, just one knife in the community is one too many, and I appreciate the impact any incident involving a knife will have. This is why the local policing team is committed to working alongside local residents to help remove knives from our streets. Over the coming weeks we will be carrying out a number of proactive operations within the community to help reduce knife crime and address some of the concerns which have been raised by residents.”*

The operation will begin on Monday 26 October when there will be additional officers on foot patrol on the Over Estate along with a socially distanced pop-up police station on Cheviot Square. Residents are urged to attend to meet their local officers and raise any concerns they may have. There will also be pop-up stations on Wednesday 28 October and Friday 30 October. This will be followed by a Partnership Community Walk on Tuesday 27 October, where CI Gary Smith, along with other local officers, will be out and about in the Over area engaging with local residents. They will also be joined by the local PCSOs and representatives from Weaver Vale Housing Trust, Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. Then, on Thursday 29 October, Sgt Haddock will be leading a community knife sweep, anyone who wants to get involved is asked to email Sgt Haddock (Daniel.haddock@cheshire.pnn.police.uk).

CI Gary Smith, who is in charge of policing in Northwich, added: *“I know that recent incidents have caused concern in the local community and I want to reassure residents that my team are committed to doing all they can to tackle crime in the area and keep residents safe. My officers are working hard with our partners to educate the public and young people about the dangers of carrying knives. However, the police cannot achieve this alone and it is an issue that cannot be solved without the support of the public. If you have any information regarding knife crime or those who carry weapons please let us know. If you know someone who carries a knife then reporting it to the police could be enough to save a life.”*

As well as the ongoing community events, knife surrender bins are now available at Winsford and Northwich Police Stations, where residents can safely dispose of any unwanted knives to ensure they never get into the wrong hands. Local officers are also working with partner agencies, including Trading Standards, to speak to shop owners about the Challenge 25 scheme to stop the sale of knives to under 18s. A video has also been produced about the dangers of knives which will be shown in local high schools across the area.

PCC for Cheshire David Keane said: *“My deepest condolences go to Keagan’s family and friends who have been left deeply shocked by his death. We can never underestimate the impact that knife crime has on our communities and as Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire I am committed to working with all of our communities to tackle this issue. I hope that residents feel assured by the positive action taking place in Winsford and I’m pleased to see that a lot of effort has been going into educating our young people about this issue. It is vital that we make every effort to remove knives from our streets and I will work closely with the community in to provide any support that I can.”*

To report any type of crime involving weapons call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Information can also be passed to the force online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> Anyone who knows someone that carries a knife can report it to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

Runcorn man with over 50 convictions handed a Criminal Behaviour Order

A prolific offender from Runcorn has been ordered to adhere to the terms of a CBO for the next three years.

The Criminal Behaviour Order was imposed on Clifford Smith by Warrington Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 13 October. The 48-year-old, of Grangeway Court, Runcorn, has more than 50 convictions, including for drug, theft and public order offences. The CBO, which was applied for by the Halton Problem Solving Team in a bid to curb Smith's offending, bans him from doing three things anywhere in Cheshire. They are:



- Acting in an anti-social manner that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to others
- Congregating in a group of two or more people in such a manner
- Begging in any form.

PC Chris Nicholls, of the Runcorn Beat Management Team, said: *"Applied for separately to prosecutions for criminal offences, Criminal Behaviour Orders are sought once all reasonable avenues of resolution have been explored regarding persistent offenders. In Clifford Smith's case, he has a long list of convictions and his unacceptable behaviour has had a significant detrimental effect on those who have been subjected to it and on the community in general. He has persistently shown no consideration at all for the effects his offending has had on others. There comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action to protect the community. I welcome the court's decision to impose a three-year CBO on Smith. I hope that it provides him with a wake-up call to change his ways and deters him from committing further offences. I also hope it reassures the people of Runcorn that we will not tolerate such behaviour and that we will use whatever powers we have at our disposal to ensure that the town is a pleasant place to live, work and visit."*

Smith has been made aware that it is a criminal offence to breach the terms of a CBO. The sanctions imposed for doing so can be severe, with the maximum penalty being five years in prison.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"This successful CBO application sends a clear message that persistent criminal behaviour will not be tolerated in Runcorn. These preventative orders with strict restrictions are one of numerous tools that Cheshire Constabulary uses in a bid to improve our communities. They are having the desired effect of reducing offending, the number of victims of crime and the demand on the police and I hope that this continues."*

Anyone who encounters Smith breaching the terms of his CBO is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it.

Eight charged in connection with large-scale burglary conspiracy

Detectives investigating a large-scale burglary conspiracy have charged eight people following a series of warrants in Merseyside and Lancashire.

The group were arrested on Tuesday 20 October following a twelve month joint investigation by detectives from Warrington Beat Initiative Team, in partnership with officers from Merseyside and Lancashire Police. The following people have been charged with:

- Anjum Nawaz, 37 years, of Oozehead Lane, Blackburn, Lancashire was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles
- Lewis Tankard, 19 years, of Seel Road, Huyton was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles
- Paul Wharton, 34 years, of Max Road, Knotty Ash was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles
- Stephen Hooton, 28 years, of no fixed abode was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles
- Neil O'Brien, 18 years, of Prestwood Crescent, Dovecot was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles
- Shamila Tabassum, 35 years, of Seacole Close, Blackburn, Lancashire was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles
- Paula Heathers, 50 years, of The Green, Stoneycroft was charged with money laundering
- Susan Russell, 19 years, of Corner Brook, Stockbridge Village was charged with money laundering

The charges relate to a series of more than 160 offences across Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire. All eight people have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Liverpool Magistrates Court today, Thursday 22 October.

Residents urged to work together to help tackle Covid-19

Cheshire Constabulary is urging residents to work together to help in the continued fight against Covid-19.

In recent weeks there has been a steady increase in coronavirus cases across the county, which has resulted in the introduction of a number of restrictions under the new three-tier system. As part of this, those living in Warrington, Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester are now classed as 'high-risk' areas, meaning that residents within the three boroughs cannot socialise with anyone from outside their household in any indoor settings. Halton is now classed as a 'very-high risk' area, meaning that as well as the ban on socialising with anyone from outside their household, a number of premises are now closed including betting shops, adult gaming centres and casinos. The new legislation is in addition to other existing measures in place, including the use of face masks and the 'rule of six'.

ACC Jenny Sims said: "I understand that there are lots of changes for people to take in and I want to reassure residents that we will continue to support them to navigate the measures in place. Our officers have been out and about throughout the weekend helping to explain the rules and to ensure people are following them, and this work will continue. To support this, we have also introduced a new dedicated team of officers whose role is specifically to respond to incidents involving possible breaches of the

coronavirus legislation. The vast majority are sticking to the rules and this is really encouraging. However, we do need people to continue to take personal responsibility and make sure they are fully aware of the rules that apply to them in the area they live and ensure they stick to them.”

So far the vast majority of people are sticking to the new rules. However, there have been a small number of breaches, which has resulted in enforcement action being taken against more than 20 individuals and businesses. These included a care worker in Warrington elderly care home who was issued with a £200 fine after failing to isolate and continuing to go to work following a trip to Romania. Meanwhile, the landlord of a pub in Warrington who fully understood the rules but was blatantly flouting them was issued with a £1,000 fine after failing to adhere to the legislation. During a joint visit to the premises with the local authority, officers found that tables and chairs were not adequately spaced out, meaning that customers were unable to socially distance. Elsewhere, three people from different households have £200 fines for socialising together at an address in Runcorn.

ACC Sims added: “Our officers will continue to adopt the 4Es approach to ensure that everyone is sticking to the rules. However, as these examples show, where people are blatantly breaching them we will not hesitate to take action. The rules are there for a reason – to keep us all safe – and we all need to play our part to protect our family, our friends, the communities we live in and, most importantly, the NHS.”

David Keane, PCC of Cheshire said: *“It’s been pleasing to see that the vast majority of residents have adhered to the new legislation, and I hope that this continues. It is clear that we all have a very important part to play over the coming weeks and months. COVID-19 is very much still out there, we must not let our guard down and the personal choices that we all make are crucial to protect others.”*

Anyone looking to report a breach of the coronavirus legislation is urged to do so online at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>. Full details of the current regulations relating to Covid-19 can be found on the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website.

Criminal Behaviour Order imposed on persistent offender from Runcorn

A persistent offender from Runcorn has been handed a six-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Anthony McNulty has been convicted of a series of public order offences in which the victims were women. The 30-year-old is currently serving a four-month prison sentence for the latest offence, which he committed at a gym in Runcorn on Tuesday 28 January. McNulty was sentenced for the public order offence at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Friday 25 September. With it representing an escalation of persistent offending, Police Constable Chris Roberts subsequently applied for a CBO to be imposed on McNulty on behalf of Cheshire Constabulary’s Halton Problem Solving Team. Crewe Magistrates’ Court approved the CBO application on Friday 16 October. The banning order prohibits McNulty from doing any of the following for six years:



- Making contact via social media with any female that does not know him
- Refusing to leave any premises in Cheshire when asked to do so by members of staff
- Acting in an anti-social manner (a manner that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to others) anywhere in Cheshire.

PC Roberts said: *“CBOs are preventative orders with strict restrictions that are imposed in a bid to stop persistent offenders committing further offences. They are applied for separately to prosecutions for criminal offences as a last resort. In the case of Anthony McNulty, he has committed a string of public order offences against woman. His offending has had a significant impact on his victims and he has persistently shown no consideration at all for the effects his unacceptable behaviour has had on others. There comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action to protect members of the public. No-one should be subjected to such behaviour, or feel threatened or intimidated by the actions of other people. Such behaviour will not be tolerated and we will use whatever powers we have at our disposal to ensure that Halton is a pleasant place to live, work and visit. I am delighted that the CBO application for McNulty has been approved by Crewe Magistrates’ Court and I hope that it has the desired effect and deters him from committing further offences when he is released from prison. He has been made aware that it is a criminal offence to breach the terms of a CBO. The sanctions imposed for doing so can be severe, with the maximum penalty being five years in prison, and I am pleased to say that we have seen a significant reduction of offending in Cheshire from those who are subject to a CBO.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *“CBOs are one of many tools Cheshire Constabulary uses in a bid to improve our communities. They address persistent criminal behaviour by giving those issued with CBOs strict requirements and prohibitions which they must adhere to. I am pleased to hear that CBOs have been having the desired effect of reducing offending, the number of victims of crime and the demand on the police and I hope that this continues.”*

Anyone who encounters McNulty breaching the terms of his CBO over the next six years is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it.

Man charged following petrol station robbery in Ellesmere Port

A 58-year-old man from Ellesmere Port has been charged following a robbery in the town.

Kenneth Brown was arrested on Heathfield Road at around 8.15pm on Monday 19 October. Brown, who lives on Heathfield Road, has subsequently been charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article in a public place. The charges relate to an incident at a petrol station on Whitby Road that occurred at around 8pm on Monday 19 October. Brown appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court, via a video link, on Wednesday 21 October. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 18 November.

Chester man jailed for the attempted murder of his friend

A 62-year-old man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison after being found guilty of attempted murder after stabbing his friend at his home in Chester.

Paul Andrews, from Alder Grove, Hoole, was sentenced on Monday 19 October at Chester Crown Court. On the afternoon of Thursday 3 October 2019, 58-year-old Russell Feeny visited his friend Paul Andrews at his address in Alder Grove in Hoole. As he got up from his chair to leave he felt as if he had been punched in the back and fell to his knees. He subsequently realised that he had been stabbed. Andrews walked past him, out of the door and drove his car to the police station in Blacon where he handed himself in, leaving Russell alone and badly injured. Meanwhile emergency services dashed to Alder Grove. Russell had managed to get out of the house and was lying on the ground outside the address with a life-threatening



stab wound. The 30cm knife was still embedded in his back. Russell was airlifted to Aintree Hospital and rushed into surgery to remove the knife and work on the critical injuries the stabbing had caused.

DCI Simon Draco said: *“We still don’t know the reasons behind why Andrews stabbed his friend that day as he refused to answer any questions on interview despite our detectives’ best efforts to find out what had triggered such a violent, life-threatening incident. What we do know is that one single action left a man, who thought they were friends, betrayed and fighting for his life in hospital as surgeons and nurses worked to save him. He is still recovering from his life-changing injuries and the emotional trauma of such an incomprehensible act, but I hope seeing Andrews brought to justice will help Russell in some way. I am pleased to say that detectives have delivered a cogent investigation that has resulted in the incarceration of a dangerous, violent offender who has used a knife in such a terrible way.”*

When sentencing Andrews, the Recorder of Chester, His Honour Judge Everett, noted that the actions of Andrews had left the victim a ‘completely and utterly broken man’. He also commended the police investigation and, in particular, the sensitivity and caring approach taken by Detective Constable Smith, the officer in the case.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“It’s important that victims are supported throughout and get the justice they deserve. I hope the victim and his family find some solace in the sentencing and his attacker being brought to justice. This was a shocking act of violence and goes to show just how lethal knives can be and the impact it has on our communities. I truly hope the family can begin to rebuild their lives following this traumatic event.”*

Two men charged following robbery at Warrington shop

Two men from Warrington have been charged following a robbery in the town.

David Holt and Simon Baker were arrested in O’Leary Street shortly after 11.30am on Monday 19 October. The pair, who both live in O’Leary Street, have subsequently been charged with robbery. Holt has also been charged with possession of a bladed article in a public place. The charges all relate to an incident at a shop in Bridge Street in Warrington town centre that occurred at around 11am on Monday 19 October. Holt, 44, and Baker, 50, appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court, via video link, on Tuesday 20 October. They were remanded in custody and are set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 17 November.

Chester man jailed for burglary and fraud offences

A 41-year-old man from Chester has been jailed for burglary and fraud offences committed in the city.

James Benson, of no fixed address, began his crime spree on Thursday 2 July when he used a bank card belonging to someone else at a convenience store and a restaurant in Brook Street, Chester. A total of £45.46 was spent on the card, which was in a purse that a woman from Chester put on the ground whilst on a night out in the city centre. A PCSO subsequently identified Benson as the offender via CCTV footage from the convenience store. The same was true when he committed a burglary at a house on Grange Road in Chester on the night of Sunday 13 September before fraudulently using a bank card he stole from the address. Benson spent a total of £110.36 in four separate fraudulent transactions at a convenience store in Newtown, Chester, on Monday 14 September. The bank card was in a bag belonging



to a woman who lives at the house that was burgled in Grange Road, as was a purse, two sets of car keys, sunglasses, a case and some cash. The bag was located in a nearby alleyway. The victim's other belongings have not been recovered. Benson was located and arrested by officers in Brook Street on Wednesday 16 September. He subsequently pleaded guilty to burglary, handling stolen goods (the bank card that went missing in Brook Street) and six counts of fraud by false representation. Benson was sentenced for the offences at Chester Crown Court on Friday 16 October. He was jailed for three-and-a-half years.

DC Carl Humphreys, who led the investigation on behalf of Chester CID, 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. After burgling a house on Grange Road in Chester and stealing a number of items, James Benson fraudulently used one of them, a bank card, at a convenience store in the city on four separate occasions the next day. He also fraudulently used a bank card belonging to a different woman at a convenience store and a restaurant in the Brook Street area of Chester. Thankfully PCSOs were able to identify Benson as the fraudster from CCTV footage on both occasions. CCTV footage also led to Benson being located and arrested. With footage from convenience stores clearly showing him to be the offender and with a footprint from the burglary address matching the trainers he was wearing when he was arrested, Benson had little choice than to plead guilty to several offences. I am pleased that he has now been jailed for his crimes and I hope that this case deters others from committing such offences."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *"Offences like these are deeply upsetting for the victims. I would like to praise the work of the PCSOs and officers who were involved in the investigation for helping to deliver justice for the victims. I hope that the outcome of the investigation provides reassurance to residents in Chester and elsewhere in Cheshire."*

Woman charged following bicycle thefts in Runcorn

A 28-year-old woman has been charged in connection with the thefts of five bicycles in Runcorn.

Amy Hughes, of Breckfield Road North in Liverpool, was arrested in Main Street, Runcorn, at around 2.15pm on Sunday 18 October. She has subsequently been charged with going equipped to steal. Hughes has also been charged with five counts of theft. Those charges relate to the thefts of bicycles in Runcorn between Tuesday 29 September and Thursday 15 October. Hughes appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court, via a video link, on Tuesday 20 October. She was released on conditional bail and is set to appear at the same court on Wednesday 18 November.

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CCTV image released in connection with robbery at convenience store in Birchwood

Detectives have released a CCTV image of two males they want to speak to in connection with an armed robbery at a convenience store in Warrington.



A man working at the shop on Admirals Road in Birchwood was threatened by one of the males holding a knife and demanded he open the till. The second male then grabbed the contents inside the till and the pair both fled the store with a large quantity of cash. Enquiries in relation to the robbery, which took place between 6.30pm and 7.20pm on Thursday 8 October, are continuing. Detectives believe that the males in the CCTV image may be able to assist with their investigation.

DC Darren Gibson, of Warrington CID, said: *“Understandably the store worker was extremely shaken by the incident and we are working hard to find those responsible. As part of our enquiries we have been looking through CCTV footage and we believe the males in this image may have important information to help the investigation. Although their faces are covered they are wearing distinctive clothing and if you recognise them please get in touch. I would also encourage anyone who was in the area at the time and has information to please contact us.”*

If you have information please contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 823257. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Investigation continues following death of man in Winsford

Detectives are continuing to appeal for information following the death of a man in Winsford.

Officers want to speak to anyone, who has not yet come forward, as part of ongoing enquiries into a disturbance on Cheviot Square at around 10.30pm on Sunday 11 October. Keagan Crimes, aged 27, died after he sustained serious injuries during the incident. Two other men, aged 26 and 36, were also injured during the incident. They both attended hospital and have since been discharged.

DI Adam Waller, who is leading the investigation, said: *“At this stage, we do not believe that this was a random attack and many of those involved were known to each other, however I don’t believe that Keagan was targeted specifically. I want to reassure the local community that we are doing everything we can to establish exactly what has taken place. This investigation is very much ongoing and we’re currently following a number of lines of enquiry. As part of this, we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time and witnessed what happened or anyone with any information, which may help our investigation. Even the smallest piece of information can be useful when piecing together a case.”*

Six teenager boys have been arrested on suspicion of murder in connection with the incident. The boys, one aged 17, four aged 16 and one aged 15, have all been released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

CI Gary Smith, from Northwich Local Policing unit, added: *“I know that Keagan’s death has shocked the local community. In order to provide reassurance to the local community, patrols have been stepped up and I would encourage anyone with any concerns to approach my staff to report them.”*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police by calling 101 and quoting IML 825705 or via the Major Incident Public Portal <https://mipp.police.uk/operation/07CH19D14-PO1> Alternatively, if you do not want to speak directly to an officer then information can be passed on anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

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