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Man jailed for drug dealing in Ellesmere Port

A drug dealer has been jailed following an investigation by Ellesmere Port Proactive Policing Team.

Mason Mallon appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 May where he was jailed for two years after pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (crack cocaine). The 21-year-old of Wellington Close, Ellesmere Port also activated a suspended sentence of 18 months – taking his total sentence to three years and six months in prison.



The investigation into Mallon initially began in November 2023 when officers dealing with an unrelated case became aware of a mobile phone number that had been used to send bulk messages advertising the sale of illegal drugs – known as flare messages. Officers tracked the number for several months, along with two other numbers which were also used by the same person.

Following enquiries officers recovered CCTV footage of Mallon purchasing credit for the phone at a local supermarket. A warrant was conducted at his home address on Wellington Close, Ellesmere Port on Thursday 25 January 2025 where officers seized several items, including several wraps of crack cocaine and several mobile phones. Mallon was arrested at the scene and during questioning he declined to answer any question in relation to the drugs offences and claimed that he was in Deeside when the phone was topped up. Despite his denial, he was subsequently charged in relation to the incident.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Stuart Wood, of the Ellesmere Port Proactive Policing Team, said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Mallon and I hope that his conviction sends out a warning to other dealers planning to target the Ellesmere Port area. Illegal drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that those involved in the supply of such drugs are held accountable. Throughout this investigation Mallon has attempted to evade justice, distancing himself from any involvement in illegal drug dealing. Thankfully, because of the evidence we were able to gather against him he had no option but to plead guilty to the charges against him."*

You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary online at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>, or by calling 101. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111 or at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>.

Runcorn man charged with sex offences

Officers investigating reports of sexual assaults in Runcorn have charged a man in relation to the incidents.

Mohamed Alhadi, of Halton Brook Avenue, Runcorn, was arrested at around 3.15pm on Wednesday 8 May. The 25-year-old has since been charged with common assault and two counts of insighting a child aged 13-15 to engage in sexual activity by penetration.

Alhadi appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 10 May and has been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 13 May. The charges relate to incidents that occurred between 2.40pm and 3.15pm on Tuesday 7 May on the City Fields footpath near to Burger King in Runcorn and on Halton Brook Avenue, Runcorn.

Police Constable Haddon Hunter, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"We understand these incidents will have caused considerable concern within the local community, and I hope that these charges will provide some reassurance. I'd urge anyone with any concerns or information relating to these incidents to contact us on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML1817663."*

Alternatively, information can be passed anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Man charged following investigation into Crewe attempted robbery

Police have charged a 25-year-old man following an investigation into an attempted robbery at a Crewe convenience store.

At 6.33pm on Wednesday 8 May police were called to the store in Wistaston Road in Crewe following a report of an attempt to take cash from the shop. The suspect left the store empty handed. Callum Gibbs, from Stamford Avenue in Crewe was charged with attempted robbery, possession of a knife and threatening a person with a weapon in a public place. He appeared at Chester Magistrates on 10 May and will next appear at Chester Crown Court on 7 June.

Rural crime team arrest two people in relation to historic stone theft

Officers from the Cheshire Police Rural Crime Team have arrested two people in relation to the theft of stone in Warrington.

At around 1.25pm on Thursday 9 May police were called to reports of a man and a woman stealing historic stones from a wall outside an address on Watery Lane, Winwick. The caller reported that the pair were putting the stones into a white transit style van. Officers were deployed to the scene but on arrival the van had left the scene.

However, following enquiries officers were able to identify the registration number of the van, and the vehicle was tracked to the Beeston area using ANPR cameras. Officers were deployed to the area and the van was subsequently located near to Four Lanes End in Tarporley, where a number of stones were also located. A 38-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman, both from Wigan, were

arrested at the scene on suspicion of theft. They have since been released on conditional bail which prevents them from entering Cheshire.

Sergeant Rob Simpson, of the Rural Crime Team, said: *"This is a fantastic result which has not only resulted in the arrest of two people, but also the recovery of a large quantity of stones which are believed to have been stolen. The theft of historic stones in rural areas has been growing issue in recent months, and as this case demonstrates we will use all the tools available to ensure those responsible are held accountable for their actions. I hope these arrests makes criminals think twice about targeting our rural communities and preserve the heritage of our county."*

Officers continue to urge Cheshire residents to remain vigilant against courier fraud

Officers are continuing to urge Cheshire residents to remain vigilant against courier fraud.

Since the beginning of 2024, there have been over 100 reports to Cheshire Police relating to this type of crime, which have caused a reported loss of over £2 million. Courier frauds involve someone making a phone call to a potential victim, usually someone who is vulnerable or elderly. They persuade them that they are an official person, typically a police officer or someone from their bank. The victims are asked to withdraw money from their bank, purchase expensive items and gold bullion, or provide their bank details or card.

People who commit courier fraud can be incredibly persuasive and come up with a variety of different reasons why they need their victim to carry out these tasks. They will often ask the victim to hang up and dial 999 to confirm the identity of the officer, however, the call is still active and the fraudster then pretends to be the police operator. Victims will be convinced to hand their money, items, or documents over to a 'courier', who attends the victim's address or meets them nearby to collect, often with a promise that the money or item will be returned, or compensation will be provided. Sadly, it was all a lie, leaving victims, in some cases, out of pocket of thousands, even millions of pounds.

DC Joe Duckworth from Cheshire Police's economic crime unit said: *"Those who commit courier fraud can be very convincing, but there are a number of ways to prevent fraud, and I would advise you to become familiar with these tips. Please share them with any elderly or vulnerable family members or friends to ensure they don't become victim and always remember the police or the bank will never call you to ask you to withdraw large sums of money or confirm your personal details or security pin."*

Here are some safety tips to help prevent courier fraud:

- Never provide personal or financial information to someone you don't know or trust, especially over the phone.
- If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately and report it to Action Fraud via their website.
- If you receive a suspicious text, ignore it, block the number and forward it on to 7726. This enables your provider to investigate the origins of it.

- A police officer will always respect you wishing to confirm their identify. Never feel embarrassed to contact 101 from a different number to confirm they are genuine.
- Contact your bank directly using a known and trusted phone number to verify any requests for money or sensitive information.
- Never withdraw large sums of money based on instructions from someone claiming to be from the police or a bank. Your bank or the police will NEVER ask you to withdraw money to assist an investigation.
- If you think you have been a victim of courier fraud, contact the police immediately on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.
- Remember, genuine organisations will never cold call you asking for this information. If you're ever in doubt, hang up and contact the organisation directly using a known and trusted phone number from their website.

Man jailed for drugs offences following Cheshire Police pursuit

A drug dealer who led officers from Cheshire Roads and Crime Unit on a pursuit across the county has been jailed.

Neil Corrigan appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 9 May where he was sentenced to 5 years in prison. He has also been banned from driving for 5 years and 4 months. The 42-year-old of Main Street, Cayton, Scarborough, had earlier pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (heroin), dangerous driving, failing to stop and driving without insurance.



The court heard how at around 5.30pm on Tuesday 5 March, officers attempted to stop a white Mercedes Sprinter van driven by Corrigan on the M56, near Warrington. Corrigan failed to stop and threw a large package out of the window before making off at speed. Officers pursued his vehicle as it travelled along the M56 into Manchester and then onto the A555 towards Manchester Airport.

The van subsequently came to a stop after driving through a barrier near the entrance of a multi-storey car park at Terminal One. Corrigan attempted to make off on foot, but was quickly arrested near to the Radisson Blue Hotel. Officers subsequently returned to the M56 where they recovered two brown packages each containing 1kg of Heroin. Another two empty brown bags were also recovered, containing the remnants of a large amount of Heroin which had spilt over the carriageway. A police drugs expert estimated that the 2kg of Heroin which was recovered by officers had a street value of £142,850.00. Meaning that it is likely that Corrigan was transporting more than £285,000 worth of illegal drugs in total.

Following the sentencing Chief Inspector John Forshaw, of the Cheshire Police Road and Crime unit, said: *"This is another fantastic result which has led to the removal of a large quantity of illegal drugs from the streets of Cheshire and further afield. The manner of Corrigan's driving was extremely dangerous, showing no regard for the safety of innocent members of the public as part of his failed attempt to flee officers. Thankfully, as a result of the work of the skilled and dedicated officers in the Roads and Crime Unit, we were able to bring the pursuit to a safe conclusion and Corrigan is now being held accountable for his actions."*

"We are committed to doing all we can to crackdown on those who bring misery to our communities, helping to ensure Cheshire remains a hostile environment for those intent on committing crime. If you have any concerns about drug activity in your community, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via 101 [or online via our website](#)."

Man jailed for drugs offences in Northwich

A 46-year-old man has been jailed for more than three years for drugs offences in Northwich.

Richard Grainger, of Hesketh Drive, Lostock Gralam, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 May where he was sentenced to 40 months in prison for possession with intent to supply heroin and crack cocaine.



On Thursday 4 April, officers from Northwich Proactive and Beat teams executed a warrant at Grainger's home address. Grainger was located on the sofa in the living room and told officers there were drugs present in the property. As officers began searching, Grainger made attempts to destroy a quantity of class A drugs which were on the floor. After being further restrained, officers recovered 5.24g of cocaine and 23.26g of heroin. A total of £735 in cash was also located in Grainger's trouser pocket. Four sets of digital scales were recovered from the property, along with drugs paraphernalia, and weapons – including knives and a baseball bat.

The heroin and crack cocaine seized from the property had a potential combined value of £2,600. A drugs expert determined it was likely these drugs would have been broken down into 'street deals' for onward supply and commercial gain. Grainger was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs, and possession of criminal property. He appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 5 April where he pleaded guilty to the offences.

Following the sentencing, PC Matt Uren from Northwich Proactive Team said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Grainger and hope this provides some reassurance to members of the community that we are doing all we can to tackle offences of this nature. Grainger was found in possession of a large quantity of drugs for onward supply and a substantial amount of cash, which was all seized. This should serve as a warning that crime does not pay – we will track you down and hold you accountable for your actions. The dangers of illegal drugs cannot be underestimated, and this is why we continue to urge anyone with any information about drug-related offences in their community to get in touch with us and we will do the rest."*

Two charged with shoplifting offences in Crewe and Haslington

Officers from Crewe have charged two people for separate shoplifting offences in Crewe and Haslington.

Christopher Sedgley, 37, of no fixed abode in the Crewe area, was arrested on Earle Street, Crewe, at around 2.50pm on Monday 6 May. Daniel Hough, 33, of Gresty Road, Crewe, was arrested on Grand Junction Way, Crewe, at around 2.10pm on Monday 6 May. They have both since been charged with theft. Sedgley and Hough have been bailed to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 6

June. Both shoplifting incidents occurred on Sunday 5 May and Monday 6 May at addresses in Haslington and Crewe.

Two charged following burglaries in Macclesfield

Two people have been charged in connection with two burglaries in Macclesfield.

Christopher Carter, 50, of Beech Lane, Macclesfield, and Shanon Duncan, 26, also of Beech Lane, Macclesfield, were both arrested on 11 June 2022. They have since been issued with a postal requisition ordering them to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 30 May to answer to the charges of two counts of burglary. The charges relate to burglaries which occurred on 8 June 2022 and 11 June 2022 at addresses on Moss Lane and Mill Street, Macclesfield.

Prolific shoplifter ordered to adhere to two-year Criminal Behaviour Order

A prolific shoplifter from Crewe has been banned from entering a number of convenience stores and the town centre as part of efforts to tackle his offending.

Ian McIntyre was handed the two-year order at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 2 May, following multiple incidents of shoplifting across Crewe and the surrounding areas. As a result, the 45-year-old, of no fixed address but of Crewe, has been banned from entering the Grand Junction Retail Park area of Crewe (shown on map 1) and the area of Crewe town centre (shown on map 2).



Map 1: Grand Junction Retail Park



Map 2: Crewe town centre

He is also banned from entering the following stores:

1. Bradfield Road service station, Crewe
2. B&Q store on Weston Road, Crewe
3. Cooperative store on Parkers Road, Crewe
4. Cooperative store on Readesdale Avenue, Crewe
5. Cooperative store on Remer Street, Crewe
6. McColl's on Badger Avenue, Crewe
7. The Post Office, on West Street, Crewe

8. Queens Park service station on Victoria Avenue, Crewe
9. B&M Bargains, Beam Heath Way, Nantwich
10. Sainsbury's store on Middlewich Road, Nantwich
11. Cooperative on Crewe Road, Haslington
12. Cooperative store, Beechwood Close, Stapley
13. West Heath Shopping Centre on Holmes Chapel Road, Congleton
14. Euro Garages on Jack Mills Way, Shavington

As part of order, he has also been banned from having open vessels of alcohol in a public place. If he fails to comply with the CBO, McIntyre will be committing a criminal offence which may result in a recall to prison or fine.

Police Constable, Justin Taylor, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *"Ian McIntyre has been a persistent problem for local businesses across Crewe, so I am very thankful that the courts have recognised the hard work of our Beat Team, leading to him being issued with this Criminal Behaviour Order. I hope the granting of this CBO can provide some reassurance to local retailers and residents that we are doing all we can to deter anti-social behaviour and criminality like this from occurring in our town. McIntyre is under the order until 2 May 2026 and if he fails to comply, he could face imprisonment."*

If anyone does encounter McIntyre breaching the restrictions of his orders, then please contact Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard/ or call 101, to report it. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Families pay tribute following sentencing of Dunkirk fatal collision

The families of two young women who both died following a fatal road traffic collision in 2021 have paid tribute to them after the sentencing of the defendant.

Ellie Crossley and Rebecca Doughty were involved in a collision on the A5117 in Dunkirk at around 9.30pm on Thursday 25 November 2021. The 20-year-olds were on their way to Cheshire Oaks when Benjamin Lewis, who was heading towards them in his BMW, lost control of his vehicle and collided with them. Ellie and Rebecca were sadly pronounced dead at the scene a short time later. Lewis was charged in connection to the incident and subsequently pleaded guilty to two counts of death by dangerous driving. The 31-year-old of West Vale, Neston, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 8 May, where he was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Ellie and Rebecca's families are understandably devastated and have said: *"The 25th of November 2021 is the day that our lives and world changed forever after receiving the worst imaginable news that our loving daughters Ellie & Becca were killed instantly in a head on collision."*

"Ellie and Becca had been best friends since primary school and were inseparable and had their whole lives ahead of them. They were two of the most caring, funny, and thoughtful young women who brought so much brightness and love to our world. In their short lives our daughters created



so many special memories with their families and friends, and we will continue to treasure those memories each and every single day. To our beautiful Angels...you are deeply missed by your loving families, and everyone else whose lives you touched with your warmth and kindness."

In addition to his sentence, Lewis was also banned from driving for four years once he is released from prison.

Officers in Chester launch summer campaign to keep people safe

Officers in Chester have kicked off their summer campaign to help keep people safe in the city this summer.

On Tuesday 7 May, officers from Chester LPU, as well as from the Constabulary's specialist units, launched a summer campaign which will focus on deterring criminality and continuing to keep people safe as the city sees higher footfall during the summer months.

A number of different policing tactics were utilised throughout the day across Chester, highlighting the resources available to officers. Several partner agencies were also in attendance to learn more about how we can work together to keep people safe. These included Cheshire West and Chester Council, University of Chester, Grosvenor Shopping Centre, Chester Residents Association Group, Chester BID, Chester Cathedral, City Centre Manager, Chester Against Business Crime, and Storyhouse.

A drugs dog visited Chester Train Station, as well as colleagues from British Transport Police, to help disrupt cross-border criminality and people who may be looking to travel into Chester via the rail network to commit crime. The drugs dog was also deployed into the city centre. Officers from RCU (Roads and Crime Unit) were on the lookout for anyone not abiding by the rules of the road, including anti-social or dangerous driving.

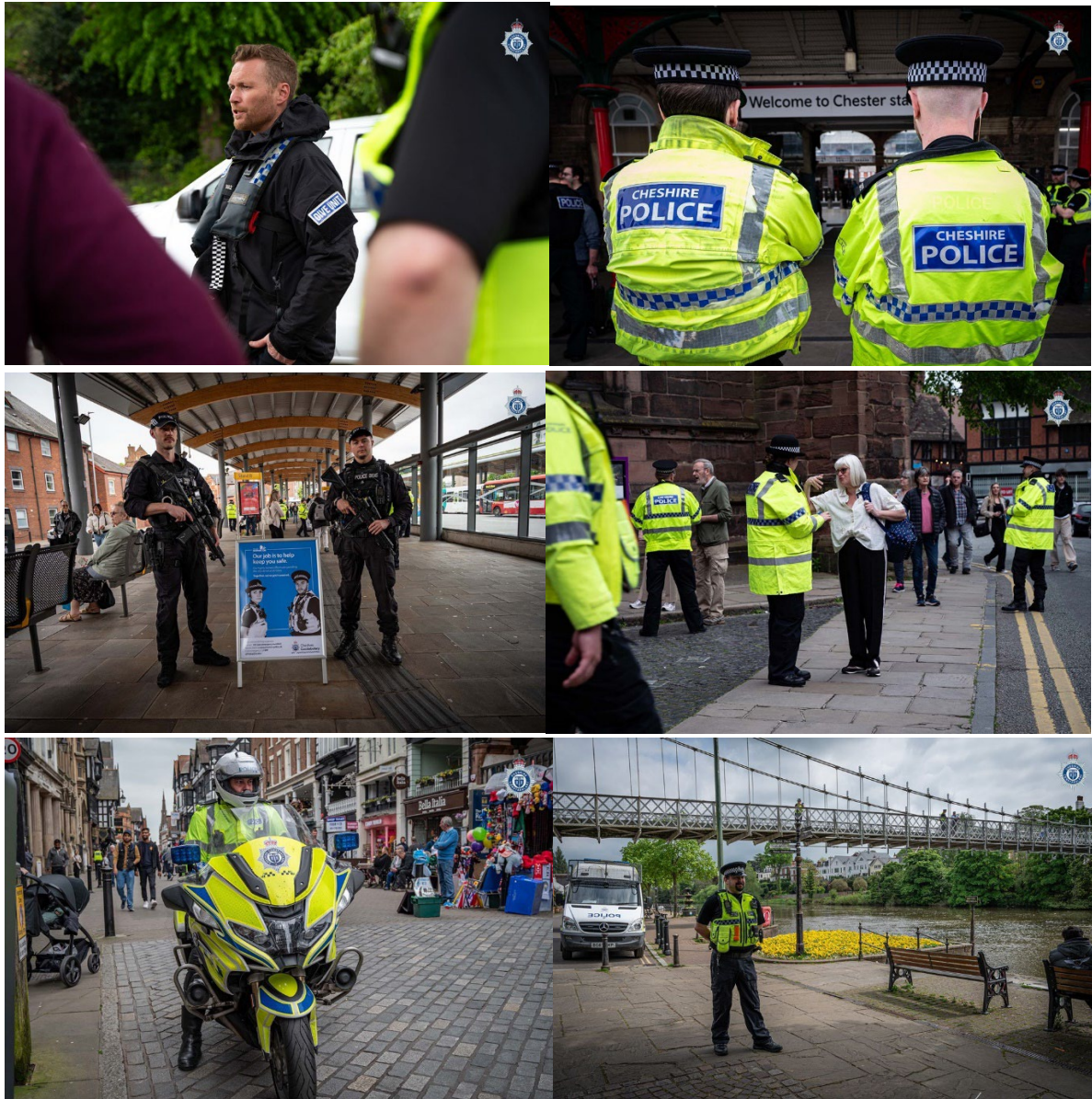
One of Cheshire Police's Safety Buses was parked up in the city centre to spread awareness about how it helps vulnerable people. These buses provide a safe space in areas where there are high levels of night life, staffed by police officers and community safety specialists to ensure anyone in need of help is cared for until they can get home safely.

Specialist police drone operators assisted officers from the sky near the River Dee, showcasing the force's capabilities in covering a wider area more efficiently than foot patrols alone. The River Dee also saw officers in the Underwater Search Team talk to members of the public about water safety ahead of warmer weather. In addition, they patrolled the river by boat to deter anti-social behaviour.

A number of Project Servator deployments took place at various locations across the city. Project Servator aims to disrupt a range of criminality and sees the deployment of both highly visible and plain-clothed police officers. These are supported by other resources, such as live-monitored CCTV, or armed officers, for example. The deployments are unpredictable; they can happen anywhere, at any time, and officers are specially-trained to spot the tell-tale signs that someone may be carrying out hostile reconnaissance – information gathering that may help them plan or prepare to commit a

crime. Project Servator officers also engaged with members of the public, security staff, and local businesses to encourage them to report anything which doesn't feel right.

The day resulted in a number of arrests, including one arrest for robbery, one for possession of a controlled drug, and one for retail theft. A further 26 stop searches were carried out, as well as Out of Court Disposals issued.



Chief Inspector Paul Fegan said: *"I am pleased that we were able to successfully launch our summer campaign and set the tone for the rest of the summer months. We must stress that these resources we showcased in the city are part of our everyday policing tactics, as we continually work to keep residents and visitors to Chester safe. However, we are keen to reassure members of the public that we will do everything we can to keep people safe during the many events which are taking place in the city this summer."*

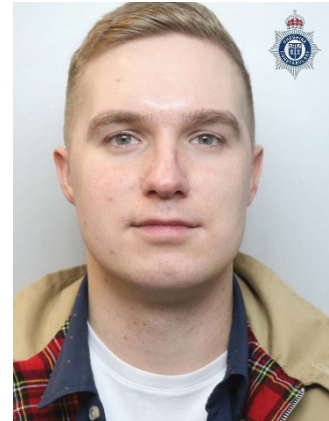
"We know footfall in Chester will increase as the weather improves and I hope the launch of our campaign will bring people peace of mind that we are committed to using every resource available to us to combat criminality. I hope this also acts as strong warning to those who think they can commit crime in Chester. As highlighted during our summer safety launch, we utilise every resource available to us, covering the roads, trains, nightlife, big events, and everything in between – we are committed to making this city a hostile place for criminals."

Man jailed for killing two women in Dunkirk collision

A man has been sentenced for causing the deaths of two women following a collision in Dunkirk.

Benjamin Lewis appeared at Chester Crown Court today, Wednesday 8 May, where he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was also banned from driving for four years after he is released from prison.

The 31-year-old of West Vale, Neston, had pleaded guilty to two counts of causing death by dangerous driving at an earlier hearing. The court heard how at around 9.30pm on Thursday 25 November 2021, Lewis had been driving at speeds of up to 93mph in a 60mph zone on the A5117 in Dunkirk when he lost control of his BMW 420D. He collided with a Citroen DS3 travelling in the opposite direction.



The driver of the Citroen, Ellie Crossley, was travelling to Cheshire Oaks with her friend, Rebecca Doughty, who was sat in the front passenger seat. Sadly, Ellie and Rebecca both died at the scene as a result of their injuries sustained during the collision.

Following the collision, an investigation was launched by the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit at Cheshire Police. As part of their enquiries, a forensic collision investigator was enlisted to reconstruct the collision and the events leading up to it in order to establish the circumstances. This identified that the BMW had crossed the double solid white lines and entered into the opposite lane when it collided with the Citroen that was travelling toward it.

Lewis was arrested and subsequently charged with two counts of death by dangerous driving. He had initially pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of death by careless driving, however the prosecution refused to accept his guilty plea and a trial was listed for September 2023. He later changed his guilty pleas to the more serious charge.

Following the sentencing Sergeant Andy Dennison, of the Cheshire police Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"Despite the poor weather conditions and low visibility, Lewis proceeded to speed in excess of 90mph with no regard to the danger he posed to other road users or himself. During the investigation, we utilised data collected by global satellites connected to electronic devices to show that Lewis had driven at high speed on several roads just before the collision. It was also shown that on entering the A5117, despite the terrible weather conditions, Lewis accelerated harshly up past 90 mph before losing control of his BMW on the wrong side of a double white line system."*

“Tragically, as a result of his atrocious driving, Ellie and Rebecca paid the ultimate price, and I hope he takes this time behind bars to reflect on the decisions he made that night and the impact this has had on the families of the victims. I cannot begin to imagine the devastating loss that both Ellie and Rebecca’s families have had to endure throughout this long and painful process, and I sincerely hope today’s result will provide some closure.

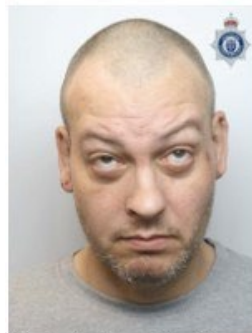
“Lewis refused to acknowledge the severity of the charges but once he realised the mountain of evidence that was stacked against him, he admitted his dangerous driving had cost two young women their lives. This has been an extremely challenging and complex investigation, and I’d like to thank all of the dedicated officers involved in securing justice for Ellie and Rebecca. While this result will not bring back Ellie and Rebecca to their families, I hope this sends a message to others about the consequences of driving at high speed.”

Four men jailed following altercation in Crewe

Four men have been jailed for a combined total of almost seven years following a serious altercation in Crewe.

The four men appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 2 May where they were sentenced for their involvement in a fight which broke out in the street in August 2023.

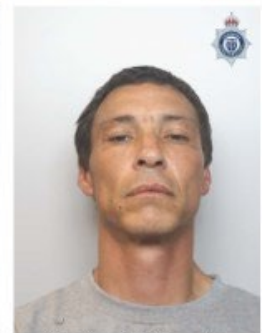
- Christopher Rawlings, 45, of Willow Crescent, Wistaston, was sentenced to 21 months after previously pleading guilty to violent disorder and possession of a bladed article in a public place.
- Nigel Dunn, 45, of Fanshawe Walk, Crewe, was sentenced to 20 months after previously pleading guilty to violent disorder.
- Richard Wharton, 44, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 18 months after previously pleading guilty to affray.
- Nathan Thomas, 36, of Wingate Road, Worsley, was sentenced to two years after previously being found guilty of violent disorder.



Christopher Rawlings



Nigel Dunn



Richard Wharton



Nathan Thomas

The case began when Rawlings and Dunn were on Davenport Avenue in Crewe at around 6.30pm on Sunday 13 August 2023. The two men came together with Thomas and Wharton and a fight broke out within the group. CCTV showed the men all assaulting each other with weapons before the group separated and made off on foot in different directions. Two knives and a metal bar were located at the scene of the incident. Rawlings suffered a deep laceration to the front and back of his

head, requiring multiple stitches, and a puncture wound to his arm. He was placed in a medically induced coma in hospital as a result of his injuries. Dunn sustained a fractured collar bone and a fractured elbow and was located by officers as he received treatment from paramedics. Wharton and Thomas were later identified from CCTV footage which was reviewed by an officer. All four men were later charged in relation to the incident.

Following the sentencing, DC Graham Lee said: *"Not only did this incident cause very serious injuries to one of the men involved, but it also occurred in broad daylight in a street with members of the public present. This behaviour could easily have ended up hurting innocent people in the vicinity that evening and it is a miracle that no other serious injuries were caused. I hope the conclusion of this case will reassure the local community, as well as anyone who may have witnessed this traumatic event unfold."*

Prolific offender sent back to prison in Warrington

A prolific offender from Warrington has been jailed again following his latest crime spree.

Barclay Redford appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 7 May where he was sentenced to three years and four months. The 20-year-old of Banks Crescent, Latchford, had previously pleaded guilty to multiple offences, including burglary, theft, fraud, and car theft.



During the hearing, the court heard how his latest crime spree began on Sunday 25 February when he was spotted interfering with car doors on Barbauld Street, Warrington. Then on Tuesday 19 March, Redford was again interfering with cars on Springfield Avenue, Padgate, before going on to steal a Citroen C3. He used a bank card from inside the stolen vehicle at an Esso Garage on Wilderspool Causeway, and later that evening went on to crash the Citroen into several parked cars on Gorsey Lane, Howley. He then made off from the scene. Redford's offending continued and between Saturday 16 March and Thursday 21 March, when he stole goods valued at £343.03 from a Co-Op convenience store on Knutsford Road, Warrington.

On Thursday 21 March, Redford broke into a property on Station Road North and stole a purse which contained £40 cash and bank cards. He took the cash and later used the bank cards to the value of £97. Redford was arrested after he returned to the Co-Op store on Saturday 23 March where he stole goods to the value of £130.14. He was subsequently charged with vehicle interference, theft of a motor vehicle, theft from a motor vehicle, failing to stop, dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, false representation, driving otherwise in accordance with the law, burglary, fraud, six counts of theft from a shop.

Following the sentencing, Chief Inspector Neil Drum, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"Over recent years, repeated attempts to engage with Redford have been made but his criminality has continued. He's been arrested and put before the courts five times since February of this year, and he is still yet to show any remorse for his actions, or for the harm he has caused within local communities. It is clear that he will continue to commit crime, and so today's result means that a*

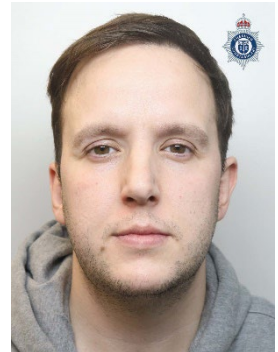
serial offender has been jailed for a significant amount of time and now is finally off our streets. While I welcome the sentence handed to Redford today, our work to protect communities in Warrington from this type of crime continues. We are dedicated to ensuring Warrington remains a safe place to live and to visit, and removing individuals like Redford, who are intent on committing crime and causing misery, remains a top priority for Warrington LPU."

Anyone with information, CCTV or dashcam footage that may assist in keeping our communities safe is urged to contact Cheshire Police [via the website](#).

Manchester man jailed for drug dealing in Northwich

A drug dealer from Manchester has been jailed after admitting to dealing drugs in Northwich.

Liam Smith, of Brynorne Road, Manchester, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 May where he was sentenced to four years in prison. The 36-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine).



The court heard that at around 12.50pm on Friday 26 January, officers from Northwich Proactive Policing Team forced entry into an address Brackley Lane, Little Leigh, after a suspected drug dealer was seen entering the property. Smith was subsequently found inside the address and upon being searched, officers discovered that he had over £2,000 worth of heroin and Crack cocaine concealed in his buttocks and arrested him.

Following his arrest, a warrant was conducted at Smith's home in Manchester where a large quantity of designer clothing was seized. Smith, aka 'Manc Mark', was subsequently charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine).

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Matt Uren, of Northwich Proactive Policing Unit, said: *"Northwich Proactive Policing Team are dedicated to disrupting the drug supply network and this is another example of how we are continually pursuing those intent on making money out of other people's misery. Smith's conviction is the result of a long-running investigation involving detectives here at Northwich, with the support of colleagues from the Op Impact and Op Apollo teams. Intel has suggested that 'Manc Mark' had been an active county lines dealer in the Northwich area for a significant period of time, and I have no doubt that his conviction will have a really positive impact on the community. While Smith is now behind bars, our campaign against drug dealers is ongoing and we're committed to doing all we can to stop drug activity on the streets of Northwich and make Cheshire a hostile place for criminals. You too can help us by reporting drug dealing in your area to police, every bit of information helps us to gather intelligence and close in on those dealing in illegal drugs."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or online at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us.

Winsford man jailed after assaulting former partner

A man from Winsford has been jailed for almost three years after he admitted assaulting his former partner.

Lee Horsfield appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 24 April where he was sentenced to two years and ten months in prison. The 43-year-old, of Wharton Road, Winsford, had previously pleaded guilty to section 47 assault, non-fatal strangulation and breach of a restraining order.



At the sentencing, the court heard how Horsfield narrowly avoided a prison sentence in February 2023 after he admitted assaulting and intentionally strangling his then girlfriend. Instead, he was sentenced to 12 months in prison suspended for two years. The court also imposed an indefinite restraining order, meaning that he was not allowed contact the victim or go near her home.

Despite the order, on Tuesday 31 October police became aware that Horsfield had contacted the victim on a number of occasions. It was also established that he had assaulted her again, this included pinning her to the ground, causing a crush injury to her ankle, stamping on her back, dragging her around by her hair and strangling her. It was also established that he had assaulted her again, this included stamping on her back, dragging her around by her hair and holding her around her throat. Following the allegations, Horsfield was arrested at his home in Winsford. During interview he answered no comment to all the questions. Despite his silence, he was later charged in relation to the allegations.

Following the sentencing Detective Constable Ellie Byrne, of Northwich CID: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Horsfield, and I hope that he spends his time behind bars reflecting on his actions. His behaviour towards his victim was horrific, and I cannot even imagine the fear and pain that she suffered at his hands. Nobody should have to experience what she has been through, but thanks to her bravery he has now been held accountable. While she may never forget what he did, I hope that this result will provide her with some closure and allow her to move forward with her life."*

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information after aggravated burglary in Crewe

Detectives are appealing for information and video footage following an aggravated burglary in Crewe.

At around 4.27pm on Saturday 4 May, two unknown men forced entry into an address on Nelson Street, Crewe. Once inside the men, who were armed with crowbars and screwdrivers, threatened the occupant. During the incident, the men disturbed a number of dogs that lived in the address, and they subsequently fled the scene in direction of Nile Street, Crewe. Fortunately, nothing was taken during the incident. Enquiries into the incident are ongoing and officers are urging members of the public with information which could aid the investigation to get in touch.

Detective Sergeant Rob Bushell, of CID Reactive East, said: *"This was an absolutely terrifying incident that occurred in broad daylight and we want to reassure local residents that we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. Enquiries are ongoing and as part of our investigation, we want to hear from anyone who was in the Nelson Street or Nile Street area around the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our investigation."*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the ongoing investigation should [visit the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML-1815372. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.