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Man who led commercial drugs operation through EncroChat jailed

A serious and organised criminal who led a commercial drugs operation through an encrypted device has been jailed.



Anthony Davies, of Lessingham Road, Widnes, operated at the top of the chain supplying substantial amounts of class A and class B drugs. He has now been jailed for 12 years. The 38-year-old was found to have sourced, purchased and sold at least 5kg of class B drugs (cannabis), and a minimum of 15kg of class A drugs (heroin and cocaine) between 23 March 2020 to 5 June 2020. Using the codename handle 'nakedotter', Davies used EncroChat - a secretive communications network that was used exclusively by serious and organised criminals before it was cracked by international law enforcement in May 2020 - to run his large-scale business.

nakedotter	2020-04-02T20:28:49+00:00	2020-04-02T20:29:00+00:00	345600	Hi mate the best I can sort is leaving after work <u>saturday</u> 2pm. This is a mate straight guy doing me a favour as he has a bad man bike and will get off but that's the best I got mate sorry	nakedotter	2020-04-04T09:52:20+00:00	2020-04-04T09:52:20+00:00	259200	Just get on that bird mate if you can she's what ya need with her nurses suit on bag her an tell her she will be sound an tell her you'll give her a grand mate to get her to do it
nakedotter	2020-04-02T20:31:00+00:00	2020-04-02T20:31:00+00:00	0	Go on sound mate <u>that's</u> gonna have to be it how much is there now mate	nakedotter	2020-04-04T09:54:00+00:00	2020-04-04T09:54:19+00:00	345600	OK mate she knows the crack a good one she is I'll sort it
nakedotter	2020-04-02T20:32:17+00:00	2020-04-02T20:32:35+00:00	345600	He's been collecting today so I would say 30 but will confirm tomorrow mate.	nakedotter	2020-04-04T09:55:17+00:00	2020-04-04T09:55:17+00:00	259200	Ya defo mate just sort it we need her to do it get on me tomorrow an let me no mate
nakedotter	2020-04-02T20:34:12+00:00	2020-04-02T20:34:12+00:00	0	Sound mate get as much as you can in for me an let me no tomorrow	nakedotter	2020-04-06T11:57:34+00:00	2020-04-06T11:57:34+00:00	0	I give him 5 tops an 2 bottoms mate that's the best I could do couldn't get no more work mate there's none about down here at all. So your nice mate that should last you till this shit is over hopefully <u>dy'e</u> your bill now with these bits an <u>that</u> 25 taken off is 395k these bits what I've just got you were <u>brusters</u> mate but it was either get them or have <u>nothink</u> for the next month or 2 so I just got you them mate tops 50k bottoms 25k
nakedotter	2020-04-20T12:04:56+00:00	2020-04-20T12:04:56+00:00	0	how much do you want mate					
nakedotter	2020-04-20T12:20:56+00:00	2020-04-20T12:20:56+00:00	0	Do you need <u>anymore</u> tops					
nakedotter	2020-04-20T12:17:06+00:00	2020-04-20T12:17:06+00:00	0	Shall I just say 345 go see what he says mate I've just sent him the picture then an he said sweet how much					

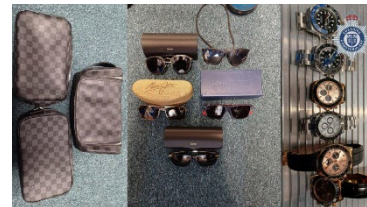
Examples of the sorts of messages Davies would send and receive via Encrochat

Davies was found to have been supplying multi-kilograms of drugs in Widnes and various other towns and cities across the United Kingdom. In the encrypted messages, Davies can be seen to play a leading role in the drug conspiracy – acquiring bulk supplies of class A and B drugs from his upstream suppliers, before arranging the onward distribution to his downstream customers. Davies orchestrated multi-kilo drug deals via a sophisticated and well-established supply network – indicative of his position within the organised crime world and the level that he was operating amongst his associates. He would also act as a 'middleman' within the supply network, arranging for the sale and distribution of drugs between potential buyers and sellers. Davies would direct and instruct others within his operation to carry out his bidding, adopting more of a 'hands-off' approach – however he would still help himself to substantial profits.



The level of criminality Davies was operating at meant the profits were significant in value, and he was trusted by his upstream suppliers to pay back large sums of money in exchange for bulk amounts of illegal drugs. EncroChat messages show he pocketed in excess of £60,000 for sourcing and selling five kilograms of cocaine in one transaction alone.

After collating the evidence, detectives conducted an early morning warrant at Davies' home address in Widnes on Tuesday 23 July, where he was arrested. A number of luxury items, including over £5,000 in cryptocurrency, £6,000 in cash, designer clothing, and six Rolex watches, were recovered during the raid. Following the subsequent charges, Davies appeared at Liverpool Crown Court where he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply heroin, cocaine, and cannabis



Upon sentencing, DCI Nick Henderson, of the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: *"Davies was at the top of the chain when it came to operating in serious and organised crime. He was at the highest level running a serious and large-scale commercial drugs business supplying substantial amounts of cocaine, heroin, and cannabis. He chose to do this by operating under the radar, using an encrypted and sophisticated device that would keep his communication secretive in order to avoid detection. He painted himself as a successful business man and even bought books on property investment, but in reality, it was all an illusion. His Rolex watches were fake, and he was unable to use his money in any legitimate way. After EncroChat was infiltrated officers were able to comb through the messages attributed to Davies that led to his arrest and being put behind bars for a long time."*

Police in Warrington warn of the dangers of playing in disused buildings

Warrington Local Policing Unit is urging parents and carers to make sure their children understand the dangers of playing in empty buildings after three teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of burglary and criminal damage.

Officers will also be making joint visits to schools with Warrington Borough Council youth services and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service to warn children of the dangers. The risks of abandoned buildings include questionable structural integrity, black mould and entry and exit hazards. It also brings with it the risk of a criminal record. The teenagers, a girl aged 16, and two boys aged 16 and 17 are suspected of entering the building in Sankey Street on 3 October and causing significant damage.

Insp Lee Hillyard said: *"We've received a number of calls about gatherings in abandoned premises over recent weeks. I can't stress enough the dangers in visiting disused buildings, and the risk of injuries they pose as the buildings are in quite bad disrepair. I very much understand the need to see friends and socialise, but there are much safer places for young people to meet, such as the Youth Zone. We don't want to have to be knocking on parents or carers doors to deliver the upsetting and tragic news if someone is seriously injured, or worse, because unbeknown to them, the children were playing in an unsafe derelict building."*

Anyone who sees children entering empty properties should contact Cheshire Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

Prolific shoplifter jailed following series of thefts in Ellesmere Port

A prolific shoplifter has been jailed following a recent crime spree where he stole more than £2,000 worth of items from shops in Ellesmere Port.

Christopher Beaton appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 7 October where he was sentenced to 32 weeks. The 37-year-old, of no fixed abode in Ellesmere Port, had pleaded guilty to multiple counts of shoplifting, plus assault by beating.



On 11 July, Beaton entered the Go Local store in Woodland Road, Ellesmere Port, and stole various groceries to an unknown value. While in the store, he assaulted a member of staff who challenged him. On the same date, Beaton stole further groceries worth £21.50 from the BP garage in Overpool Road. He returned to this location on 15 July, stealing almost £52 worth of items, and again on 19 July, when he took just under £38

worth of items. The next day, on 20 July, Beaton stole food items worth almost £33 from Heron Foods in Overpool Road.

Beaton then targeted the Co-op store in Overpool Road on multiple occasions. This included eight times throughout September, plus once on 1 October. He stole a total of more than £960 worth of items, including food items, razors, and laundry detergent. On 12 September, he also stole food items from the Co-op store in Hope Farm Road, totalling £160. On five different occasions throughout September, Beaton stole a total of around £348 worth of food items and alcohol from the BP garage in Overpool road. Meanwhile, on 1 October, he attended Asda in Wellington Road and stole alcohol, of an unknown value. The next day he stole £300 worth of food items from Iceland store in Mercer Walk. On two separate occasions, 18 September and 4 October, Beaton entered Jollyes Pets in Mercer Walk, stealing a total of £200 worth of dog treats.

Beaton was identified as a suspect and subsequently arrested. Prior to his custodial sentence, Beaton had been issued with exclusion orders, for both Ellesmere Port and Northwich, by the Business Crime Reduction Partnership. The exclusion prevents Beaton from entering members' stores. These stores are identified by a window sticker, which identifies them as part of the scheme.

Sergeant Owen Walton said: *"Beaton is a prolific shoplifter, and I welcome the immediate custodial sentence which has been handed down to him. Within just a few months, Beaton stole more than £2,000 worth of items from eight different stores, targeting some of the stores on numerous occasions. This must have been a huge drain on the stores' resources and staff, causing them undue stress. One staff member was even assaulted by Beaton. No-one goes to work to be subjected to this and I would like to send out a strong message that abusing those who are just doing their job will not be tolerated. I hope this result will reassure the businesses which were affected by his crimes and send a warning to those who are intent on committing these types of offences that they will be held accountable."*

Constabulary to take part in National Safer Business Week to target business crime across Cheshire

Cheshire Police will be working alongside partner organisations and local retailers to help tackle business-related crime across the county.

They will be cracking down on anti-social behaviour and shoplifting at businesses across Cheshire. Over the course of the week, which will run from Monday 14 October, the force will be delivering an array of activities and initiatives with local businesses and retail areas across the county as well as tackling some of the most prolific offenders. As well as targeting key retail sites, officers will also be looking to target smaller businesses and industrial estates, promoting a number of initiatives local tradespeople can get involved in to protect property and business across the area.

Crime prevention talks on how traders can better protect their businesses will also be delivered as well as visits to repeat victims of retail crime and high visibility patrols at key retail areas in the county to deter any anti-social behaviour or shoplifting within Cheshire's businesses. Retailers are also being encouraged to get involved with the ShopKind campaign, which encourages positive behaviour in shops, acknowledges the important role of shopworkers and raise awareness about the scale and impact of violence and abuse against them.

Insp Scott Fletcher said: *"Police alone cannot effectively address all the issues relating to crime and safety but working together with businesses we can help prevent and deter crime. Businesses, their customers and visitors will see an increased police presence and activity during this week. Crime prevention talks, joint operations with trading standards and licencing partners alongside the increased number of officers visible will demonstrate the importance of tackling crime to protect and safeguard staff in businesses and retail premises."*

Anyone with any information regarding business related crime is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 or give us the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us>.

Men sentenced after assaulting man in Warrington

Three men have been sentenced after assaulting a man following a night out in Warrington.

Jordan Foster, Joshua Bednarek, and Callum Higgins appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 7 October.



- Foster, 31, of Livingstone Road, Bradford, was sentenced to 35 months for section 20 assault (inflicting grievous bodily harm), theft, and section 39 battery.
- Bednarek, 28, of Kirk Deighton, Harrogate, was sentenced to 32 months for section 20 assault and theft.
- Higgins, 22, of Cross Lane, Leeds, was sentenced to two years suspended for 18 months for section 20 assault and theft.

On the evening of 15 March, the victim – a 22-year-old man - had been on a night out in Warrington town centre with his friend when they were approached by Bednarek, Foster, and Higgins. The three men asked if they could transfer money into one of their accounts and withdraw the cash, due to them not having a bank card. Following this interaction, the group stayed together and entered a nightclub in Bridge Street, leaving the establishment between 12 and 1am on 16 March.

Bednarek, Foster, and Higgins then invited the victim and his friend back to their hotel room in Parker Street. Once the victim's friend had left the hotel, an altercation then took place between the victim and the three defendants. During this incident, they locked him inside the hotel room and assaulted him, also taking his bank card and phone. Bednarek, Foster, and Higgins decided to have another drink and started to walk back into Warrington town centre, via Museum Street. They forced the victim to cover his face due to his injuries. He had suffered a fractured eye socket, swelling and cuts to his face, and a chipped tooth.

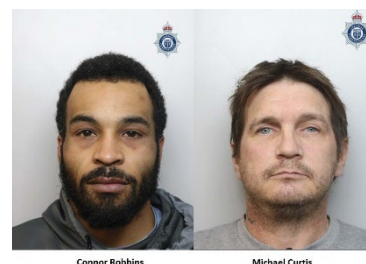
The group then crossed paths with a 23-year-old woman who spoke with Foster before an altercation broke out between the pair. Foster then assaulted the woman, who reported the incident to police at around 3am. Foster was subsequently arrested minutes later, however at this time, officers were not aware of the original incident. The victim then reported what happened to him later that morning. Bednarek and Higgins were arrested the same day following enquiries at the hotel they were staying at. The three defendants were charged in March and subsequently pleaded guilty.

DC Martyn Huyton-Berry said: *"This was a completely random encounter on the streets of Warrington which resulted in the victim being put through an incredibly traumatic ordeal, sustaining serious injuries. Bringing these defendants to justice was a real team effort, involving Response, Beat, and CID officers, who all worked together to secure charges against Bednarek, Foster, and Higgins, and bring them before the courts."*

Chester drugs gang jailed

Two members of a drugs gang that was operating in Chester have been jailed.

Connor Robins and Michael Curtis both appeared at appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 9 October where they were sentenced to a total of 8 years in prison. Robins, 28, of Clover Lane, Chester, was jailed for five years and Curtis, 47, also of Clover Lane, Chester, was sentenced to three years in prison. Both men had previously been found guilty of two counts of conspiracy to supply of Class A drugs. A third defendant in the case, Gary Roebuck, 33, of Alan Street, Northwich, has been remanded in custody and is set to be sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Friday 15 November having pleaded guilty of two counts of Conspiracy to supply the supply of Class A drugs.



The court heard how in June 2023 officers from Chester Proactive Policing Team launched operation Starship in response to intelligence that a drugs line was being operated in the Lache area of Chester. The number was being used to send flare messages on a daily basis, offering to supply heroin and crack cocaine. During their enquiries officers established that the phone line was being controlled by Robins. In order to minimise his risk of being detected Robins recruited two other men to work for him - Gary Roebuck and Micheel Curtis.

Roebuck was given the task of looking after the phone and taking orders on behalf of Robins, while the Curtis acted as a chauffeur, helping him to collect the drugs from Liverpool and deliver them to users across Chester. After gathering a catalogue of evidence against the men, they were all arrested on Thursday 1 February. During questioning, Robin denied any involvement in the supply of illegal drugs. He claimed that he was simply friends with the two other men and stated that he did not know who was controlling the drugs gang. Meanwhile, Curtis admitted that he was a drugs user, but also denied any involvement in the supply of illegal drugs. Despite their denial, both men were charged with being concerned in the supply of heroin and crack cocaine.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Richard Connolley, of Chester Proactive Policing Team, said: *"I welcome the sentences handed to Robins and Curtis and I hope they act as a warning to others involved in the supply of illegal drugs. Robins thought that by taking a hands-off approach he would be able to avoid detection, and simply pass the blame onto Curtis and Roebuck, while keeping all of the profits. However, he clearly underestimated the dedication and commitment of the team here at Chester to ensure that all those involved in the supply of illegal drugs are held accountable for their actions."*

Detective Sergeant Roy Wellings added: *"While Robins and Curtis are now behind bars, our fight against illegal drugs remains ongoing and information from the public is vital. I'd urge anyone with any information in relation to drug-related activity in their community to get in touch."*

Information can be reported via www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime or via 101. Alternatively, you can report information anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Large cannabis farm discovered in Congleton

Officers from Congleton Local Policing Unit have discovered a large cannabis farm in Congleton town centre thanks to information from the local community.

At around 8am today, Wednesday 9 October, officers we're called to reports of suspicious activity at a disused building on West Street. Officers attended the scene and discovered that the premises has been converted into a large cannabis farm. Police remain in attendance at the scene and recovery work is underway.



Inspector Jim Adams of Congleton Beat Team said: *"This is a fantastic result which has enabled us to remove a significant quantity of cannabis from the streets of Congleton and further afield. The building has been converted into a sophisticated cannabis farm, with specialist lighting and ventilation systems to maximise the amount of class B drugs being cultivated. We believe that the building contained hundreds of cannabis plants at various stages of growth, which will all now be destroyed. While no arrests have been made at this time, people have been living in the premises and as part of our investigation we're keen to hear from any local residents who believe they may have seen anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV footage which may aid the investigation."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 1935973

Following the discovery, residents are urged to remain vigilant and to continue to report any suspicions of illegal drug-related activity to the police. There are a number signs that could indicate that a property is being used as a cannabis farm, including:

- A strong and sickly sweet smell
- Equipment to grow cannabis being taken into a property, such as lighting and ventilation equipment
- Constantly covered or blocked-off windows – cannabis farms often have constantly closed curtains, black-out blinds or foil coverings
- People coming and going at all hours or neighbours you never see
- Strong and constant lighting day and night
- High levels of heat and condensation – cannabis farms often give off heat and the windows stay misted up
- A constant buzz of ventilation – listen out for a whirring sound as the growers try to create an ideal climate for cannabis plants to grow
- Lots of power cables – offenders often dig underground to lay cables that hook up to things like lamp posts so they do not have to pay for the enormous amounts of electricity they use.

Anyone with information in relation to illegal drugs in their community is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us.

Macclesfield officers partner with British Transport Police for a county-lines crackdown

Officers in Macclesfield joined forces with colleagues from the British Transport Police to tackle drug dealing and knife crime in the area.

On Wednesday, 2 October, officers from Macclesfield Local Policing Unit (LPU) joined the British Transport Police in a joint operation focusing on targeting drug dealing across Cheshire.



Conducting the operation at Macclesfield train station, the LPU and BTP officers were also joined by two of the Constabulary drug detection dogs, PD's Fanny and Casper, and over the course of the operation around 40 stop and searches were executed, which resulted in:

- The issuing of seven drug-related community resolutions
- A 38-year-old man being arrested for the breaching of a Criminal Behaviour Order
- A 29-year-old man being arrested on possession of a bladed article

Sergeant Matthew Bassirat, of Macclesfield PLU, said: *"This operation in Macclesfield alongside our colleagues from British Transport Police was aimed at targeting criminals who sell drugs in our communities and carry weapons. Criminality has no borders and these groups will do all they can to make criminal gains by exploiting the most vulnerable in our society. By working together we're also showing that we too have no borders and will continue to work together to rid those involved in supplying drugs."*

Sergeant Andy Platt, of the British Transport Police, added: *"BTP has a great joint working relationship with our Cheshire colleagues and that has helped us combat knife and drug crime in Macclesfield. Today, this ongoing partnership has yielded great results, whilst providing reassurance to the public that we are doing all we can to keep them safe as they travel on our railways."*

If you have any information about any illegal activity in your area, please contact Cheshire Police by calling 101 or report it via Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Warning about anti-social use of fireworks following reports in Chester

Officers in Chester have issued a warning to members of the public about the anti-social use of fireworks.

The warning comes following the arrest of three men, age 18, 19, and 20, on suspicion of throwing fireworks in a public place. At 8.34am on Monday 7 October, police were called to reports of men throwing what was believed to be a firework in Milton Street, Chester. The suspects fled the scene however were located by officers nearby and subsequently arrested. They remain in police custody at this time.

Inspector James Wilson said: *"This is not the only incident of this nature which we have seen recently in Chester. Over the last week we have had a number of reports of fireworks being set off in the streets in and around Chester. Not only is this a nuisance to residents and members of the public, but it is also incredibly dangerous. Fireworks are extremely unpredictable and can easily go out of control and cause damage, fire, injury, or worse. I hope the arrests of these three men today highlight how seriously we take offences of this nature and warns other young people against such behaviour. It will not be tolerated. If anyone has any information about any recent offences involving fireworks in Chester, please contact us via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting 24000855302. Please also get in touch if you notice any anti-social behaviour in your community."*

Man jailed for dangerous driving in Runcorn

A man who rammed a police car in an attempt to flee from officers in Runcorn has been jailed.

Howard Rogerson, of Alkington Road, Whitchurch, was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 3 October, after admitting dangerous driving, driving whilst disqualified, and drug driving. The 45-year-old was handed an 18-month custodial sentence and was disqualified from driving for three years.



On 29 October 2022, police attempted to stop a Ford Focus on the Daresbury Expressway in Runcorn. The driver, later confirmed as Rogerson, failed to stop, accelerating harshly in a bid to flee from officers. At times, Rogerson was travelling more than twice the legal speed limit. The vehicle continued until it met a dead end and tried to complete a U-turn, ramming into the police vehicle as officers attempted to block his path. Rogerson was subsequently arrested and was found to have 438 micrograms of amphetamine per litre of blood, almost twice the legal limit of 250 micrograms. He was also driving with an expired provisional licence after previously being disqualified from driving. Rogerson was charged with the offences but failed to appear in court on 31 May 2023. He was circulated as wanted and, following extensive enquiries, was arrested on 15 August 2023.

PC Nathan Holland said: *"Rogerson knew he shouldn't have been driving; he was stopped for driving whilst disqualified exactly a month earlier and prosecuted. In his efforts to try and flee from officers, he put other road users and members of the public at risk, reaching high speeds more than twice the legal speed limit. He even put officers at risk by driving directly into a police vehicle. But his efforts were to no avail, and he is now facing time in custody for his actions. We take offences on the road extremely seriously. Driving is not a right; it is a privilege which demands respect and care to ensure the safety of everyone who shares the roads. We will continue to crack down on anyone who breaches the rules of road and I welcome the judge's decision to impose an immediate custodial sentence."*

Two men jailed for attempting to smuggle drugs into Creamfields

Two men who attempted to smuggle illegal drugs into a music festival in Cheshire have been jailed.

Marshall Maddock and Harry Hewitson appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 4 October where they were sentenced to a total of 36 months in prison. Maddock, 21, of Roberts Drive, Rudheath, was jailed for 18 months after he admitted possession of Class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of Class B drugs (ketamine) with intent to supply. Hewitson, aged 22, of Lime Road, Northwich, was also sentenced to 18 months in prison after he pleaded guilty of possession of Class B drugs (ketamine) with intent to supply.



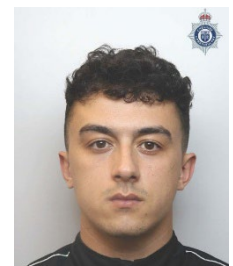
During the hearing, the court was told that the pair had attended the Creamfields Festival together on Friday 25 August 2023. However, as they were about to enter the North gate, a drugs dog indicated that they may be in possession of illegal drugs. Both men were subsequently taken to a nearby area to be searched by officers. Maddock handed over a small quantity of drugs, but then refused to be searched any further. Due to his refusal, an intimate search was subsequently conducted, where officers discovered a kinder egg capsule containing 10 bags of ketamine which was hidden in his anus. Hewitson, also refused to be searched and was adamant that he didn't have any drugs. However, when searched by officers, he was also found to have a kinder egg capsule containing 10 bags of ketamine hidden in his anus.

Following the sentencing, PC Lisa Green said: *"Maddock and Hewitson were well aware of the law, and they have had multiple opportunities to re-think what they were doing. Amnesty bins were in place at entrance points of the site for prohibited items, but despite this, they continued in their efforts to smuggle in harmful and illegal drugs. The festival is a huge operation and Cheshire Police work with event organisers and security staff in a bid to prevent illegal drugs getting into the site. Be under no illusion, while a large majority of Creamfields festivalgoers are respectful, those smuggling drugs into the event will be charged and dealt with by the courts. Do not make this mistake."*

Man jailed for drug dealing in Northwich.

A man has been jailed after officers discovered more than £4,500 worth of class B drugs at an address Northwich.

Marshall Maddock appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 4 October where he was sentenced to 10 months in prison. The 21-year-old, previously of Church Road, Northwich, had previously admitted two counts of possession with intent to supply class B drugs (ketamine and cannabis) and one count of possession of a class B drug (cannabis).



The court heard that at around 11.40pm on Tuesday 1 August 2023 police received were called to reports of a suspicious incident on Church Road. Local officers attended the scene, along with support of firearms officers and the police helicopter. Armed officers approached the address and began to force entry, at which point the police helicopter spotted a man who was leaving the address down a set of stairs at the rear. As the man was fleeing the address, he was witnessed discarding a package in a cavity under the stairs, before climbing over a garden fence, into the grounds of Sure Store on Chester Way. Despite his attempts to flee the scene, officers quickly located and detained Maddock.

Following his detention, officers returned to the garden of the address on Church Street, where they discovered two large bags of Ketamine, which had a potential street value of £4,720.00, hidden in the cavity under the stairs. Officers then went on to search his address where they discovered a small amount of cannabis and ketamine, along with a large amount of drugs paraphernalia. Maddock was arrested at the scene and subsequent analysis of his mobile phone revealed that he had been dealing Cannabis and Ketamine. During questioning Maddock stated he was 'no drug dealer' and claimed that he had no knowledge of the phone officers had seized. However, upon appearing in court he pleaded guilty to all the charges against him.

Following the sentencing PC Matt Uren, of Northwich Proactive Policing Team, said: *“Maddock thought he could outsmart the police by trying to flee his address and hide the drugs. However, we were on step ahead of him, and with the police helicopter hovering above his home he literally had nowhere to hide. While Maddock is now behind bars, our fight against illegal drugs continues and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure those responsible are held accountable for their actions. However, this is not an issue that we can tackle alone, information from the public is vital if we are to breakdown the organised crime groups who bring misery to our streets, and I would appeal to anyone who has information to come forward.”*

Anyone with information or concerns in relation to drug dealing in the Northwich area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or call 101.

Appeals

Appeal for information following fail to stop collision in Widnes

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fail to stop collision in Widnes.

At around 11.50pm on Friday 11 October police were called to reports of a collision on Leigh Avenue, Widnes. Officers attended the scene and found there had been a collision between two cars, a Black Mercedes and a grey Audi A1. The occupants of the Mercedes had fled the scene on foot. The occupants of the Audi, a man and a woman, both sustained serious injuries and were taken to hospital. A 25-year-old man from Widnes has since been arrested in relation to the incident, he is currently being held in police custody.

Enquiries in relation to the collision remain ongoing and anyone with any information or video footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1938093, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us.

Appeal for witnesses following robbery in Macclesfield

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an armed robbery in Macclesfield.

At around 8pm on Wednesday 9 October, police were called to reports of a robbery in Norton Street, Macclesfield. The 14-year-old victim had been approached by three older teenagers, believed to be in possession of a weapon, who assaulted him before fleeing the scene. Officers attended the area, and the three suspects were located nearby. Two 17-year-old boys and an 18-year-old man have been arrested on suspicion of robbery. They remain in police custody at this time.

DS Tom Binder said: *“Firstly, we would like to reassure the community that we have arrested three people in relation to this incident who are currently assisting officers with their enquiries. As part of our investigation, we would like to appeal to any witnesses to come forward. We believe there may have been a number of witnesses to this incident, and we would like to speak to them as part of our ongoing enquiries. The same goes for anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage of what happened. You can report information to us online via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting IML-1936455.”*

Appeal for information following incident on M56 motorway

Police investigating the death of a 60-year-old woman on the M56 motorway near Warrington are appealing for information, witnesses video footage.

At around 8.24pm on Friday 4 October, officers responded to an incident between junctions 10 and junctions 11 on the M56 motorway near to Warrington. Officers attended the scene and found that a 60-year-old woman from Northwich had fallen from a bridge above the carriageway and had been struck by a number of vehicles. Sadly, the woman died at the scene. Her next of kin have been informed and are currently being supported by specialist family liaison officers.

An investigation into how the woman came to be on the bridge remains ongoing and officers are appealing to anyone who may have been between junctions 10 and junctions 11 of the M56 between 8.15pm and 8.30pm on Friday 5 October and may have witnessed the incident, or has any dashcam footage, to come forward. Officers are also urging any motorists who were travelling on the westbound carriageway who believe they may have hit the pedestrian to get in touch.

Sergeant Simon Degg, of the Constabulary's Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"Our enquiries into how the pedestrian came to be on the A49 overbridge remain ongoing, and we are asking any motorists who were travelling on the M56 between junction 10 and 11 for Warrington and may have witnessed the incident, or captured it on dashcam, to please get in touch. I would also urge any motorists who were on the westbound side of the carriageway at around the time of the incident or immediately after it occurred and who believe they may have struck the pedestrian to also contact us."*

Anyone with any information or dashcam footage relating to this incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101 quoting IML-1933032. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police release CCTV image following serious assault in Nantwich

Detectives are refreshing their appeal in relation to a serious assault in Nantwich.

As part of the investigation police are releasing a CCTV image of a man they'd like to speak to in connection with the assault which occurred at around 1.25am on Sunday 9 June at the junction of Swine Market and Waterlode, Nantwich. The victim, a 32-year-old man from Oldham, was punched in the face by a man, causing him to fall to the floor and sustain serious head injuries.



Anyone who recognises the man in the CCTV, or has any information that may help with the investigation, should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us/ quoting IML 1843118. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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