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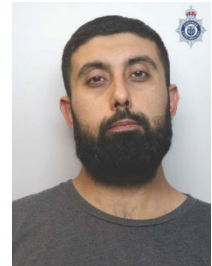
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Man found guilty of stalking his ex with fake Tinder profiles

A man who faked his ex-girlfriend's Tinder profiles to entice multiple men to her address to rape her has been found guilty.



Asad Hussain, also known as Ash Hussain, from Hankinson Avenue, Heald Green, Cheadle, has been found guilty of Stalking involving Serious Alarm or Distress, Assault by Beating, and Failure to Comply with a Section 49 RIPA Notice. This follows a nine-day trial at Chester Crown Court which began on 20 April. The court heard that in April 2024, the victim went on several dates with the 36-year-old after he contacted her on social media, operating under the alias 'Mick Renney'.

As the relationship developed, Hussain became increasingly controlling resulting in him going to her house because she had a male friend round and repeatedly ring her doorbell for two hours, only leaving after police were called by a neighbour. The relationship came to an end when on Monday 6 May 2024, the woman awoke to find Hussain had taken her mobile phone and read through her messages to male colleagues and friends. Hussain then bombarded the victim with questions, demanding to know if she was seeing other men. He later gave the phone back to her, but when she tried to go to the bathroom. Hussain objected, saying she couldn't have her phone without him being present. She tried to go anyway, but Hussain forced his way in and pushed her causing her to fall and he took her phone. This was the last time she ever saw the man calling himself 'Mick Renney' and she would remain unaware of his real identity.

Hussain subsequently contacted her daughter and friends, accusing her of cheating on him, before making numerous attempts to rekindle their relationship which she refused. Then in late-July 2024, multiple men began attending her home address saying they'd matched with her on the dating app Tinder and she had invited them round. On one night in August 2024, four men attended her address one after another, all reporting having received almost identical messages. Other men who turned up at her home told her that her messages said she wanted to engage in a 'rape fantasy' and that she wanted to be 'roughed up'. They'd also explained they were led to believe that if she said 'no' it meant she 'wanted it more'.

Then in September 2024 she went to answer her door after the doorbell rang. As she approached, a man shoved the door causing a glass panel to smash. When she explained her situation, he showed her messages from the fake Tinder account telling him that the front door was open for him and that he should give the door a 'shove' as it was 'stiff'. Later that day, she had gone to work when another man attended and managed to enter her house while her teenage daughter was upstairs alone. He remained inside the address for several minutes before leaving, without incident.

Following these incidents, many of the men provided her with their details because they wanted to help with any police investigation. In their statements to police all of them described incredibly

similar events where upon matching with who they believed to be her on Tinder, they were quickly invited round to her address and given her phone number. When they arrived, they were asked questions regarding what cars were parked outside. They were then told that she was waiting in her conservatory for them and instructed to enter her address. At least 18 men are believed to have been deceived into attending her address. The true number however remains unknown.

When the victim contacted police response officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit began an investigation but couldn't identify a 'Mick Renney' on any systems. When they reviewed the victim's video doorbell, they quickly identified that the car 'Renney' drove was registered to Asad Hussain and insured to his business. They were now able to check other systems and established that the 'Mick Renney' in the doorbell footage was in fact Asad Hussain. The case was then passed to the Harm Reduction Unit, Cheshire Police's specialist Stalking investigation and risk management team.

It was soon found that Hussain had made significant efforts to conceal his real identity and avoid detection. Hussain changed the registration of his car and used completely separate dedicated mobile phones for his 'Mick Renney' alter-ego and the fake Tinder account. Having learnt of police interest in him, Hussain discarded these mobile phones, and factory reset his personal devices. Hussain even went as far to attempt to have his details removed from the Companies House listing for his business. Hussain was arrested on 6 October 2024 after officers from Cumbria Police sighted his van on the M6.

In interview Hussain denied being 'Mick Renney' and repeatedly denied knowing the victim or having ever been to her address. He denied any knowledge of the fake Tinder accounts, or using any form of social media or dating app. He claimed that his car in the victim's video doorbell footage, a V10-engined Audi R8 sports car, was part of a classic car rental service his plumbing and gas business was trialling. However, he was unable to suggest anyone who had leased it and when challenged said his business didn't retain records of lease agreements. Hussain said that on 6 May 2024, when he'd assaulted the victim, he'd been working at a supermarket but refused to give any details of where this was or name anyone who could corroborate his account.

Officers were able to disprove Hussain's account using a wide range of evidence including CCTV, ANPR and telecommunications data, discovering Hussain had created multiple fake Tinder accounts pretending to be the victim. Officers were able to show that every time the Tinder accounts were active, Hussain had travelled from Cheadle to the Northwich area, staying at an industrial unit he rented or parked in a layby on the A556 two miles from the victim's home while operating the fake Tinder accounts for hours at a time. Hussain even went as far as contacting the woman pretending to be a man who'd matched with one of the fake Tinder accounts he'd created. In messages sent to her, he claimed to have attended her home address more than once and quizzed her on whether police had identified him and what officers had told her.

In March 2025, Hussain was charged with stalking involving serious alarm or distress and assault by beating. Following charge Hussain continued to deny any involvement in the offences or having ever met the victim. Following his arrest, two devices – a mobile phone and an iPad – were seized from his van. Hussain told officers that neither would hold any data relating to the victim or the offences, but repeatedly refused to provide any passcodes for them, preventing officers' access.

In June 2025, officers obtained a notice under Section 49 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, legally requiring Hussain to disclose passcodes for these devices. Failure to comply with such

a notice is a criminal offence punishable by up to two years in prison, or 5 years in cases involving child abuse or terrorism. After being served with the S.49 RIPA notice, Hussain provided his mobile phone password but said the iPad belonged to a client, but he didn't know who he was and that he'd been transporting this to Scotland on behalf of a colleague when he was arrested didn't know the passcode. Enquiries however quickly established that he was lying, and the device was linked to his personal phone number and business email address. He had even been connected to the internet at a family member's address on the morning of his arrest.

Hussain was therefore further charged in September 2025 with failing to comply with a Section 49 notice to disclose the key to protected information contrary to Section 53 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. (RIPA). Despite the overwhelming evidence against him, Hussain continued to deny the offences.

Following the conviction, investigating officer PC Keith Terrill said: *"This is one of the most disturbing stalking cases Cheshire Constabulary has ever investigated. Hussain is an extremely deceitful individual whose only objective was to cause maximum harm to the victim and her children, even going as far as to incite others to break into her home and sexually assault her. At no point has Hussain taken any responsibility for his actions or recognised the sheer horror he came close to unleashing. He repeatedly claimed he'd never met the victim and insisted he and 'Mick Renney' were two different people. The evidence however has shown this to be a complete lie.*

He went to great lengths to prevent the victim discovering his real identity, frustrate the investigation, and avoid being caught. He evidently believed he could outsmart police, and that we'd be unable to disprove his fabrications; he was sorely mistaken on both counts. These events have understandably left the victim and her children incredibly shaken and distressed. The strength and bravery shown by them throughout has been incredible. Thanks to this and the incredible support from her daughters, friends and other witnesses, Hussain has been held to account for his actions.

"For any victims who are in a similar situation and may be unsure of whether to call police, my plea is please do call us; we will listen to you, and we will take what you tell us very seriously."

Man banned from shops in Crewe under terms of CBO

A man from Crewe has been banned from various shops in the town following the successful application of a Criminal Behaviour Order.

Carl Walker was handed the five-year order on Monday 27 April at Crewe Magistrates' Court following evidence of shoplifting at various stores in Crewe, supplied by officers from Crewe Local Policing Unit. Under the terms of the CBO, the 37-year-old must not enter:

- Tesco Extra in Tommy's Lane, Crewe
- Tesco Extra in Vernon Way, Crewe
- Morrisons in Dunwoody Way, Crewe
- Hobbycraft in Grand Junction Way, Crewe



Inspector Dan Welch said: *"A Criminal Behaviour Order is just one of the tools that we can use to further protect communities from shoplifters like Walker, giving us additional powers if he breaches his conditions. That's why anyone who encounters Walker breaching any of the above restrictions is*

urged to contact Cheshire Police through our website or by ringing 101. We take shoplifting and crimes against retailers and businesses incredibly seriously and will continue to tackle these issues head-on."

Manchester man jailed for online child sex offences

A man from Manchester has been jailed following an investigation carried out by the Constabulary's Online Child Abuse Investigation Team.



Talha Ahmed was sentenced to four and a half years imprisonment at Chester Crown Court on Friday 1 May. He was also made subject to an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order and ordered to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life.

Ahmed, of Cranford Avenue, Burnage, Manchester, had previously pleaded guilty to five counts of attempting to cause a child aged 13 to 15 to look at images of sexual activity, three counts of making indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of a child and one count of attempting to incite a girl aged 13 to 15 to engage in sexual activity. He also pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a prohibited image of a child and one count of possession of indecent images or pseudo-photographs of a child.

The case against the 25-year-old began on 17 September 2024 when officers from the Constabulary's Online Child Abuse Investigation Team (OCAIT) executed a Section 8 warrant at Ahmed's home address. This was in connection to offences relating to the possession, creation and sharing of indecent images of children. Upon arrest, Ahmed told officers that illicit images had been sent to him by another person but claimed that he had since deleted them. During a subsequent search of the property, officers seized two mobile phones belonging to him.

While interviewed in custody, Ahmed was questioned about the possession and distribution of indecent images. He answered "no comment" to all questions and was later released on conditional bail while his devices were examined by digital media investigators. Examination of the devices revealed the presence of Category A, B and C indecent images of children. Further evidence showed that Ahmed had also committed additional offences by engaging in sexual communications with a child, requesting intimate images from her and sending sexual images of himself.

Ahmed was arrested and interviewed for a second time in February 2025, during which he was questioned about the sexual communications with the teenager and the exchange of images. He again chose to answer no comment to all questions put to him. Digital forensic enquiries revealed that Ahmed had been communicating with the child across multiple social media and messaging platforms over a period of three years, from June 2021 to the point of his arrest in September 2024. Ahmed was 20 years old when the offending began, and the victim was 14.

Detective Constable Faye Taylor, of the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team, said: *"Engaging in communication with young people solely for the purpose of sexual gratification is truly abhorrent, and I welcome the sentence handed down to Talha Ahmed today. Ahmed was fully aware that the person he was communicating with was an underaged child, six years his junior. Despite this, he chose to engage in sustained contact with her over a period of more than three years in pursuit of his own warped fantasies. Ahmed believed that hiding behind a screen would allow him to avoid detection. He was wrong."*

“Officers from within the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team deal with some of the most harrowing investigations due to the serious nature of child sexual abuse offences and the content that is often involved in such cases. Despite this, OCAIT officers work tirelessly, 365 days a year, to secure convictions and preventative orders against dangerous offenders, helping to protect some of the most vulnerable members of our society, children, from harm and exploitation.”

Slavery and Trafficking risk orders granted following serious allegations involving religious group in Crewe

Five people who were arrested in relation to serious offences involving members of a religious group in Crewe have now been issued with interim Slavery and Trafficking risk orders.

On Wednesday 29 April, more than 500 officers from Cheshire Police, with support of colleagues from neighbouring forces, conducted warrants at three addresses in Crewe following reports of serious sexual offences, forced marriage and modern slavery. All of the offences are reported to have occurred in 2023 whilst the victim, a woman, was a member of a religious group called the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light.

Following questioning, the seven men and three women have all now been released on bail pending further enquiries. A number of conditions have been put in place as part of their bail conditions and, in addition, officers also applied for Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders against five of the suspects. The applications were heard at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Friday 1 May, and after hearing all of the evidence, all five orders were approved. These civil orders will provide additional restrictions that will enable us to manage individuals and ensure there is no risk to the public and other members of the group.

Under the terms of the orders Abdullah Hashem, 42 (American); Ali Muhammad, 35 (British); Veronica Carla Esponda, 44 (Italian); Eyad Elkhoully, 44 (German) and Kevin Omar Rodriguez-Ponce, 30 (Mexican); are all now required to comply with the following conditions:

- Not to enter Crewe
- Not to contact the victim
- Not to have any unsupervised contact with any children aged under 18 without the consent of the child’s parent or guardian and with the express approval of Social Services for the area
- Not to travel into or out of the United Kingdom in the company of any person save for his biological children
- No to organise any transport and/or accommodation for any person other than their biological children
- Arranging, facilitating or participating in any arrangement whereby individuals are required or encouraged to reside in any accommodation under their control or influence
- Not to be in possession of any original or copy identity documents save those pertaining to themselves
- Not to be in possession or control of any bank card, payment card, sim card or mobile phone belonging to another person
- Not to reside at an address in the UK for more than 24 hours without reporting his whereabouts to the police

- Not to apply for, obtain or being in possession of any passport, national identity card or other travel document for the duration of this order
- Must surrender any passport, national identity card or other travel document issued in his name to a constable within 24 hours of this order being made.

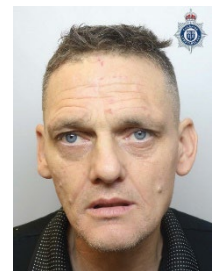
Chief Superintendent Gareth Wrigley said: *“I welcome the granting of these orders, and I hope that they provide some reassurance to the local community. Our priority is always the safety of the public, and while our investigation continues, these orders will provide additional restrictions to ensure there is no risk to the public and other members of the group.*

“Over the weekend we will continue to have a large police presence at the site while we continue with our searches and to provide reassurance, and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer. I would also like to reiterate that is not an investigation into the religion, our investigation solely focuses on the serious allegations which have been reported to us. I’d also remind residents that this remains a live investigation which will take some time, and I would ask that people do not speculate while the case remains ongoing.”

Man handed three-year Criminal Behaviour Order

A man from Crewe has been handed a three-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Lee Ainsworth appeared at Crewe Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday 14 April where officers applied for a CBO following evidence of shoplifting. The 50-year-old is now prohibited from entering any Tesco, B&M or Home and Bargains store in Crewe.



Inspector Dan Welch, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *“Shoplifting is a major issue for retailers and staff, as well as local officers, and we are committed to doing all we can to put a stop to this behaviour. I hope the order granted for Ainsworth will reassure the community that we will continue to do all we can to tackle shoplifting and retail crime. Anyone who encounters Ainsworth breaching any of the above restrictions is urged to contact Cheshire Police through our website or by ringing 101 so we can take robust action.”*

Warrington drug dealer jailed following hotel safe search

A man from Warrington has been jailed after over £15,000 worth of class A drugs were found in a hotel room safe.

Robert Dunbavin was jailed for two years and eight months at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 24 April after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A drugs. The court heard that Dunbavin, of Wroxham Road, Warrington, had been wanted for unrelated offences, prompting officers to carry out enquiries to locate him.



At around 9.30am on Tuesday 10 March, officers executed a warrant at a hotel in the Cronton Lane area of Widnes, where Dunbavin was believed to be staying. He was subsequently located at the hotel and arrested. During a search, officers found a quantity of Class A drugs on Dunbavin’s person, along with a sum of cash and several empty snap bags. As a result, he was further arrested on suspicion of drugs offences.

A subsequent search of the hotel room led officers to discover a small hotel safe concealed inside a carrier bag. Upon accessing it, they found more than 60 snap bags and nine larger bags containing Class A drugs. The value of the drugs seized was believed to be in excess of £15,000. Officers also recovered a set of scales and a suspected customer list from the room. The 45-year-old answered no comment to all questions put to him during police interview.

Detective Constable Jordan Munnely, of the Northern CID Reactive Team, said: *“Our officers used their professional curiosity after locating a quantity of snap bags containing smaller amounts of cocaine on Dunbavin’s person, which ultimately led to the seizure of a much larger haul of Class A drugs hidden inside a hotel safe. The significant amount of cocaine recovered, along with the substantial quantity of cash and a suspected customer list found in the room, made it clear that Robert Dunbavin was actively involved in the supply of drugs in the local area. It was this overwhelming evidence that left him with little option but to plead guilty. I hope that he spends what will be the best part of three years behind bars reflecting on the consequences of his actions.”*

UPDATE | Ten people bailed following serious allegations at a religious group in Crewe

Updated News Post

Ten people who were arrested in relation to serious offences involving members of a religious group in Crewe have now been released on bail.

On Wednesday 29 April, more than 500 officers from Cheshire Police, with support of colleagues from neighbouring forces, conducted warrants at three addresses in Crewe following reports of serious sexual offences, forced marriage and modern slavery. All of the offences are reported to have occurred in 2023 whilst the victim, a woman, was a member of a religious group called the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light.

Following questioning, the seven men and three women have all now been released on bail pending further enquiries. A number of conditions have been put in place as part of their bail conditions and, in addition, officers have also applied for Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders against five of the suspects. These civil orders will provide additional restrictions that will enable us to manage individuals and ensure there is no risk to the public and other members of the group. The orders are all set to be heard at Magistrates’ Court on Friday 1 May.

Chief Superintendent Gareth Wrigley said: *“Firstly, I’d like to thank local residents for their support and patience following the warrants, which resulted in some disruption in the local area. I would also like to reiterate that is not an investigation into the religion, our investigation solely focuses on the serious allegations which have been reported to us. Following the warrants, we are continuing to work closely our partners to provide the appropriate advice and safeguarding to other members of the group. Additional patrols in the local area will remain in place throughout the bank holiday weekend to provide reassurance, and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer. I’d also remind residents that this remains a live investigation which will take some time, and I would ask that people do not speculate while the case remains ongoing.”*

UPDATE | Ten people arrested following serious allegations at a religious group in Crewe

30 April 2026

Officers investigating reports of several serious offences alleged to have involved members of a religious group called the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light in Crewe, have arrested ten people.

In March 2026 Cheshire police were made aware of allegations of serious sexual offences, forced marriage and modern slavery, reported to have taken place in 2023. All of the offences involved one victim, a woman, who was a member of the group at the time the offences occurred. Following a detailed investigation into the allegations, officers have today, Wednesday 29 April, conducted three warrants in Crewe, including Webb House, along with two other properties on Nantwich Road and Badger Avenue, leading to the arrest of six men and three women.

More than 500 officers from Cheshire Police and neighbouring forces have been involved in the operation, which took place at around 8.50am on the 29th April 2026. Below is the updated list of arrests -

- 30-year-old Mexican man arrested on suspicion of human trafficking, sexual assault and forced marriage offences.
- 35-year-old British man arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences and sexual assault.
- 44-year-old Italian woman, arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences and sexual assault.
- 42-year-old American man arrested on suspicion of sexual assault.
- 42-year-old American man arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences, sexual assault and forced marriage offences.
- 35-year-old Spanish man arrested on suspicion of rape, sexual assault, assault and forced marriage offences.
- 44-year-old German man arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences.
- 39-year-old Swedish woman arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences and sexual assault.
- 35-year-old Egyptian man arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences and sexual assault.
- 43-year-old American woman arrested on suspicion of modern slavery offences and sexual assault.

A further 13 people were arrested on suspicion of public order offences inside the property, which do not relate to the investigation. Following the arrests, detectives are now conducting a search of the premises. Officers are working closely with the local authority to support the residents from the property and appropriate safeguarding measures are in place.

Chief Superintendent Gareth Wrigley, of Cheshire Constabulary, said: *“Today's operation is the outcome of a detailed and robust investigation into reports of serious sexual offences, forced marriage and modern slavery involving members of a religious group called Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light in Crewe. While those arrested are members of the group, I want to make clear that this is not an investigation into the religion, this is an investigation into the serious allegations which have been reported to us.*

“We treat all reports of sexual assault seriously and are committed to doing all we can to achieve justice. Following the arrests we are working closely with our partners to provide the appropriate advice and safeguarding to other members of the group. I would like to reassure residents that there is no risk to the wider community, and patrols have been stepped up to provide reassurance to local residents. I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer.”

Anyone with any information which could assist with the investigation is asked to contact Cheshire police at [Public Portal](#) or call 101.

The investigation has been supported by officers from Europol, the Swedish Police Authority and the Garda.

25 people charged with public order offences following warrants in Crewe.

25 people who were arrested for public order offences following three warrants in Crewe have been charged.

On Wednesday 29 April, more than 500 officers from Cheshire Police, with support of colleagues from neighbouring forces, conducted three warrants at three addresses in Crewe following serious allegations alleged to have involved members of a religious group called the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light in Crewe. During the raids, 25 people were arrested for public order offences inside the property. Following questioning, the following defendants have now been charged -

- Mammadagha Abdullayer, 35, of Timbrell Avenue, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 25 June. (Nationality – Azerbaijan)
- Raimah Batul, 18, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with assault by beating of an emergency worker. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 25 June. (Nationality – British)
- Laure Delogne, 31, of Underwood Lane, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – Belgium)
- Tahani A Hashem, 27, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – British)
- Maryham Marfoug, 32, of Gresty Road, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – Morocco)
- Dareem Charles, 36, of Redwood Drive, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 16 June. (Nationality – Tobago)
- Jahmeel Musa, 32, of Redwood Drive, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 16 June. (Nationality – British)
- Aydin Onur, 36, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 22 June. (Nationality – Germany)
- Gustavo Ruiz-Quinteros, 34, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 17 June. (Nationality – American)
- Soufiane Ben Abdeslam, 32, of Nantwich Road, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable and assault of an emergency worker. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 17 June. (Nationality – Belgium)
- Ahmed Elhaouss, 20, of Redwood Drive, Crewe, was charged with assaulting a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 June. (Nationality – France)
- Rad El-Kanami, 47, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 17 June. (Nationality – Iraq)
- Ramazan Demirovic, 59, of Richard Street, Crewe, was charged with assaulting a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 22 June. (Nationality – American)
- Hussein Khadum, 18, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 June. (Nationality – Sweden)
- Diniy Sisyam, 19, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 22 June. (Nationality – Malaysia)

- Mohammad Hiary, 32, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – Jordan)
- Hatem Sider, 42, of Wandon Road, London, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – British)
- Marc Ferreira, 38, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – France)
- Hamidreza Saghari, 39, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Saturday 25 June. (Nationality – Iran)
- Sarah Batul, 32, of Badger Avenue, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 June. (Nationality – British)
- Raimah Batul, 18, Webb House, Crewe, was charged with assaulting a constable. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Saturday 25 June. (Nationality – British)
- Taymour Elalfy, 37, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 June. (Nationality – Egypt)
- Alireza Khatib Haghighi, 40, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with obstructing a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Saturday 25 June. (Nationality – Iran)
- Mohamed Ayob, 38, of Webb House, Crewe, was charged with assaulting a constable. He will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Saturday 25 June. (Nationality – Egypt)
- Myrah Hashem, 27, of Blount Close, Crewe, was charged with failing to comply with a section 35 direction excluding a person from an area. She will appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 23 June. (Nationality – British)

Macclesfield V Chester play-off sees one arrest

Despite the large numbers of attending fans from both sides, Wednesday's Macclesfield Vs Chester derby concluded with only one arrest.

Over 3200 home and away fans attended the Leasing.com Stadium on the evening of Wednesday 29 April to watch Macclesfield Football Club take on Chester FC in the National League North play-off. A comprehensive police operation was rolled out across Macclesfield and the areas surrounding the stadium to ensure that attendees had a safe and enjoyable evening, with mounted and drone units from Lancashire, West Midlands and GMP deployed to support Cheshire colleagues. For the most part the game passed by without incident, with officers swiftly responding to handful of instances of disorder following the conclusion of the game. A 24-year-old man was also arrested during the match.

Superintendent Simon Parsonage, who oversaw the operation, said: *"The policing of large-scale events, such as the National League North play-off that that occurred yesterday, requires careful planning and communication between police and partner organisations, to ensure the match runs smoothly and everyone can enjoy the game."*

"With over 3200 fans including nearly 1100 away fans travelling to the match which was itself being live streamed, the spotlight really was on Macclesfield and our officers who were in attendance. Other than a handful of small incidents which were quickly responded too, and the arrest of one individual, an all-round friendly atmosphere was maintained."

"I would like to thank all of our officers on the ground including colleagues from West Midlands, Lancashire Greater Manchester Police for their support. I also want to thank the vast majority of fans in attendance for their support in keeping everyone safe from kick off to the journey home after the final whistle."

UPDATE | Albanian crime gang jailed for almost 50 years following UK wide burglary series.

Updated News Post

Five Albanian men and a British woman have been sentenced to almost 50 years in prison for the roles they played in a series of high value burglaries across the UK.



Kristian Gropcaj, 30, George Pepa, 31, Krisjani Dedndreaj, 28, Sidorjan Lleshi, 26, and Jade Tubb, 33, were sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Monday 13 April and Tuesday 14 April 2025. 29-year-old Endrit Nikolli was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 29 April. Below is a breakdown of their sentences –

- Nikolli, of Crabtree Road, Walsall, was sentenced to 10-years in prison for Conspire to commit a burglary dwelling with intent to steal and burglary.
- Dedndreaj, of Crabtree Road, Walsall jailed for 9 years for conspiracy to commit burglary and a concurrent sentence of 5 years for conspiracy to possess criminal property.
- Pepa, of Crabtree Road, Walsall jailed for 9 years for conspiracy to commit burglary and a concurrent sentence of 4½ years for conspiracy to possess criminal property.
- Lleshi, of Durlstone Drive, Sheffield, jailed for 10 years and 9 months for conspiracy to commit burglary, one count of burglary and conspiracy to possess criminal property. An additional 15 counts of burglary were also taken into consideration.
- Gropcaj, of Gas Street, Birmingham; jailed for 10 years for conspiracy to commit burglary and a concurrent sentence of 5½ years for conspiracy to possess criminal property.
- Tubb, also of Crabtree Road, Walsall, sentenced to one year in prison suspended for two years, for possession of criminal property.

The investigation against the gang began in October 2024 when detectives at Macclesfield Proactive CID became aware of a series of burglaries across the eastern area of Cheshire, including incidents in Macclesfield, Prestbury, Weston and Willaston. On each occasion the offenders would typically gain entry by using ladders to access first floor windows and balconies. Once inside they would ransack the properties, stealing jewellery, designer handbags, watches and cash. After a number of local enquiries, officers engaged in meetings with other forces across the UK who reported similar incidents in their areas.

Following collaboration between Derbyshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police and Staffordshire Police, detectives from Macclesfield were able to link the incidents in Cheshire to several others across the UK through footwear marks left at the scenes. After linking the incidents, officers used Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to identify vehicles which were present at all of these incidents. Through this work officers discovered that a red Ford Focus which was insured to Gropcaj had been present during many of the incidents. They also found that a hire car booked by Tubb had been used during many of the other burglaries.

Telephone checks were subsequently conducted on Gropcaj which revealed he had been in regular contact with Nikolli, Dedndreaj, and Pepa. Further enquiries revealed that the four men had been meeting on a regular basis at a coffee shop in the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham. In addition, officers were also able to establish that Tubb was in a relationship with Nikolli. Traces of DNA from Nikolli had also been found at the scene of a burglary in Staffordshire.



Following a culmination of months of investigation work, on Wednesday 2 July, officers from Macclesfield Proactive CID and Cheshire Police Serious and Organised Crime Unit led a series of raids at addresses in Walsall, Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham, leading to the arrests of Nikolli, Pepa, Gropcaj and Tubb. The raids were supported by officers from Staffordshire Police, Derbyshire Police and Nottinghamshire Police. Dedndreaj was not present at the time of the warrants, but he was later arrested in Surrey by officers from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit at Cheshire Constabulary.

During the raids officers recovered 13 designer handbags, along with 14 watches worth almost £17,000. Several mobile phones were also recovered during the warrants, and during analysis officers recovered hundreds of images of the stolen items, along with messages which contained links to Google maps which correlated with the scene of the burglaries. In addition, officers recovered messages which showed there was a sixth member of the gang – Sidorjan Lleshi, who was living in Sheffield. A raid was subsequently conducted at Lleshi's home on Wednesday 3 September where the 26-year-old was arrested. All six defendants were later charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to possess criminal property.

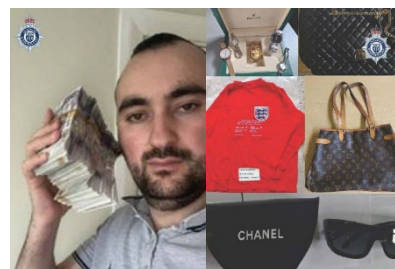
Through all of the evidence gathered, officers were able to link the gang to at least 59 burglaries across the UK. These included eight in Cheshire, two in Cleveland, nine in Derbyshire, two in Leicestershire, five in Nottinghamshire, seven in Staffordshire, two in Warwickshire and nine in West Mercia. The estimated total value of the items stolen is in excess of £1 million and while some items have been recovered, the vast majority are believed to have been sold on.

Following the sentencing, Detective Sergeant Laura Fox, of Macclesfield Proactive CID said: *"I would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues at Derbyshire Police, Staffordshire Police and Nottinghamshire Police for all the support that they have provided. This investigation is a result of a detailed collaboration between forces across several months, with an unwavering commitment and tenacity to identify those responsible and bring them to justice. Nikolli, Gropcaj, Dedndreaj, Pepa, Lleshi and Tubb were all members of a high-level organised crime gang responsible for at least 59 high value burglaries across the UK.*

"All of the incidents were carefully orchestrated, with the gang researching their targets before committing their crimes, even expanding their crime spree across multiple forces in an effort to go undetected. The gang specifically targeted wealthy victims, with the aim of stealing as much high value property as possible. Between them, they even set weekly targets for the amount of gold that they wanted to steal.

“Nikolli, Gropcaj, Dedndreaj, Pepa and Lleshi were all responsible for conducting the burglaries, while Tubb was happy to spend their ill-gotten gains. Throughout our investigation it has been clear that the gang had absolutely no regard for the impact that their offences would have on the victims. Instead, they regularly gloated about their crimes and shared images of ill-gotten gains. Thankfully, as a result of the evidence gathered during the course of the investigation, all six defendants had no option but to plead guilty to the charges and are now facing the consequences of their actions.”

Detective Chief Inspector David Worthington, of Macclesfield Proactive CID, added: *“As this case demonstrates, if you commit crime in Cheshire, you will be caught and you will be brought to justice. Our officers are committed to travelling the length and breadth of the country to ensure that those who cause harm in our communities are held accountable for their actions. I hope that the sentencing of these offenders will provide some reassurance for the victims in this case and allow them to move forward with their lives. I also hope that this case acts as a warning to anyone else who is thinking of coming to Cheshire to commit crime.”*



Following the conclusion of the case, Cheshire Police has now launched an appeal to trace the rightful owners of hundreds of suspected stolen items which were recovered during the investigation. These include designer handbags, jewellery, watches and clothing, as well as other items. For more details [visit our dedicated appeal page](#).

Man charged with drugs offences in Crewe

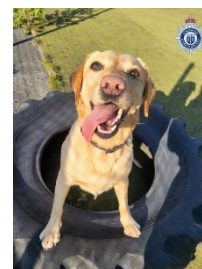
A man from Crewe has been charged with drug supply offences.

Szymon Celinski, of Gainsborough Road, Crewe was arrested at his address. The 30-year-old has since been charged with possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis). Celinski appeared at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Wednesday 29 April, where he was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 27 May. The charges relate to an incident in the Gainsborough Road area of Crewe on Monday 27 April.

Plucky PD sniffs out flushed drug packages

A large quantity of drug paraphernalia was uncovered by Police Dog Honey following an attempt to dispose of them down a toilet.

On Saturday 25 April, officers carrying out arrest attempts for a man from Warrington attended an address in the Leigh area of Wigan, Greater Manchester. The man refused to allow officers into the property, however whilst they were outside, they heard repeated toilet flushing coming from an upstairs bathroom, leading them to suspect that items were being disposed of. Officers subsequently gained entry to the address and detained a 27-year-old man.



Police Constable Allinson and her Police Dog, Honey, were also deployed to carry out a search of the property. During the search, PD Honey located a quantity of drugs inside a drawer, along with snap bags. In the bathroom, Honey then began indicating to her handler behind a storage unit. PC

Allinson moved the unit and discovered a plastic carrier bag containing a set of scales and several large, wet bags containing traces of drugs.

As a result of the discovery, the 27-year-old was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class B drugs and possession of Class B drugs. He was also arrested on suspicion of harassment. He has since been released on conditional bail.

Police Constable Allinson said: *“People may attempt to hide drugs in numerous places, believing they can keep them concealed from our officers, but it is ultimately a fruitless endeavour. Those involved in the supply of drugs often underestimate the noses of our police dogs and their determination to locate illegal substances of all kinds. As Honey has demonstrated, our PDs are capable of detecting even the slightest traces of drugs, regardless of attempts to dispose of them.”*

Partnership working to tackle illegal waste crime in Cheshire

Cheshire Constabulary’s Rural Crime Team joined forces with the local authority and Environment Agency for a two-day illegal waste enforcement campaign.

Officers from the team, supported by the Special Constabulary, Roads and Crime Unit, the Force vehicle examiner and local beat officers carried out roving patrols as well as manning a static stop-site. They targeted illegal waste sites and all commercial vehicles moving waste from small vans, trailers all the way up to HGVs. The teams were also supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council Waste Enforcement Officers and Environment Agency Waste Enforcement Officers who checked waste carrier licences and scrap collection permits.

<https://youtu.be/ReYyevsbO6o>



Over the two days 43 vehicles were pro-actively stopped, two waste carriers were dealt with for no insurance, one of which was seized. A total of 17 traffic tickets were issued with numerous businesses given warnings or actions regarding incorrect or no waste carrier licences, and three didn’t have scrap permits & had regulatory compliance issues, with the Environment Agency saying three-quarters of those they checked had some form of compliance issues. There were also two PG9 Prohibition notices issued to vehicles in dangerous condition. This prohibits the vehicle from being

used on the public highway again until it has been made safe, if it is used again before being made safe then it is seized.

PC Pete Moss from Cheshire Police's Rural Crime Team said: *"It was fantastic to be working together with the Environment Agency and Cheshire West and Chester Council for this challenging issue and we got some great feedback from them. Our two-day operation brought in extensive intelligence and developed our understanding of further illegal sites, waste carriers, and operators. The impact illegal wastes sites have on our rural communities is immense, not just for its impact on the environment but on those who live or work nearby. By working together with other agencies we can tackle this issue and clamp down on those who are impacting so negatively on our communities."*

Caroline Berry, Area Enforcement Manager at the Environment Agency, said: *"We're taking faster, more targeted action against those in the waste sector we suspect are breaking the law. Waste crime scars our communities and environment and where we see evidence of illegal activity, we will not hesitate to take action. We can't do this alone and joint partnership operations such as this helps us disrupt criminals, gather intelligence and prevent illegal dumping. By working together, we can make a lasting progress against the criminals behind these heinous acts."*

Man charged with assault and criminal damage

A man has been charged with multiple offences in Crewe.

Cody Goodall, of Sidings Close, Crewe has been charged with common assault, four counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and two counts of criminal damage. The 28-year-old appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 27 April where he was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 26 May. The charges relate to offences against a female victim in Crewe between 26 February and 24 April 2026.

Man jailed following commercial burglary in Chester

A man who broke into a convenience store in Chester has now been jailed.

Paul Cullen appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Friday 24 April where he was sentenced eight months in prison. The 51-year-old, of St Marks Road, Chester, had earlier pleaded guilty to burglary other than a dwelling, theft from a motor vehicle and breach of a Criminal behaviour order (CBO).



The court heard how shortly after 2.30am on Friday 24 April, police were called to reports of an alarm activation at the Co-op store on Christleton Road, Chester. Officers were quickly deployed to the scene and on arrival they found the front entrance of the store had been smashed open. Cullen was located creeping away from the store, covered in a green blanket and holding a basket full of stolen alcohol. He was arrested at the scene and taken to custody. While Cullen was in custody police recovered CCTV footage from the store which showed him smashing the front door with a metal wrench.

The owner of a nearby shop also contacted police to report that a number of items had been stolen from their van on the night of the incident, including sunglasses, a wheel brace and a blanket. Following questioning, Cullen was charged with burglary other than a dwelling and theft from a motor vehicle. He was also charged with breaching his CBO, as the store was in an area he was banned from visiting.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable James Wright, of Chester Proactive CID said: *“Thanks to the quick response time by local officers, Cullen was literally caught in the act and had no option but to plead guilty to all the charges against him. I welcome the sentence that has been handed to him by the court, and I hope that it provides reassurance to the local business community and also acts as a warning to other who are planning to commit crime in Cheshire. Cheshire Police has one of the highest charge rates for burglary in England and Wales, and the team here at Chester are committed to doing all we can to ensure that those who commit crime in our community are held accountable for their actions.”*

Warrington woman arrested following false kidnap claims

Officers have arrested a woman from Warrington for wasting police time after resources from two police forces were diverted to false kidnap claims.

At around 12.47am on Monday 27 April, officers in Warrington responded to reports of an incident in which a caller claimed that their partner had been kidnapped by an unknown group of people. A large-scale operation was launched by local officers to locate the partner. They were found shortly afterwards and it was subsequently established that the claim of a kidnapping was false and that the call was a hoax.

In addition to the hoax call, the caller - a 22-year-old woman from Warrington - had also contacted a relative in the Bury area, claiming that they too were under threat of being kidnapped. This prompted the relative to contact local officers. As a result, Greater Manchester Police resources were diverted to safeguard the individual. This claim was also later proven to be false. The 22-year-old woman was subsequently arrested in the Museum Street area of Warrington at around 2.50am on suspicion of wasting police time and engaging in controlling and coercive behaviour. She remains in custody at this time and is assisting officers with their enquiries.

Chief Inspector Rob McLoughlin, of Warrington’s Command Team, said: *“Resources from both Cheshire and Greater Manchester Police were diverted in response to extremely serious claims that individuals were in immediate danger, when in fact there were no credible threats. The diversion of these policing resources meant that real and unfolding incidents could not be responded to as effectively, while officers’ time was wasted searching for someone who was not in danger. The re-routing of officers, vehicles and resources to these fabricated kidnappings meant their attention was taken away from genuine incidents, where real lives could very easily have been at risk.”*

Man charged following a theft from a shop in Macclesfield

A man has been charged with theft from a shop in Macclesfield.

Liam Oldham, 40, of Antrobus Street, Congleton, was also charged with assault of an emergency worker. The charges relate to an incident at a B&M store on Black Lane, Macclesfield, on Friday 24 April. Oldham was bailed to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 12 June.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

UPDATE | Police release CCTV images following Tarvin burglary - CCTV Footage attached

Police have released CCTV images of two men they are trying to locate following a break-in at a house in Tarvin.

At 3.17pm on 26 February two men forced entry to a property on Chester Road and made a search of it. They left empty-handed after spotting the CCTV cameras.

<https://youtu.be/aul7V47-pkc>

One of the men appears to have a Manchester or similar accent.

Anyone who recognises the men should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or [via the website](#) quoting 26000158996.



Appeal for information following fail to stop collision in Runcorn

Officers are appealing for information following a fail to stop collision in Runcorn.

At 10.35am on Sunday 26 April, police were called to reports of a collision on the Southern Expressway (Southbound), Runcorn. The caller reported that whilst travelling on the Western Link Slip Road, a white Range Rover Evoque collided with a set of barriers. Two men then exited the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any dashcam footage.

Police Constable Jack Ryder said: *"We are appealing for anyone who witnessed what happened to please get in touch with us. This occurred at a busy road when there would have been other motorists in the area. The same goes for anyone with any relevant CCTV or dashcam footage from around the time of the incident."*

Anyone with information is asked to [visit the website](#) or call 101 quoting IML-2316403.

Appeal to trace wanted man from Warrington

Officers are appealing for information to trace the whereabouts of a wanted man from Warrington.

Joe Dagnall is wanted in relation to prison licence recall. The 34-year-old is described as approximately 5' 9" tall, of proportionate build, and has short brown receding hair. Anyone with any information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or by [visiting our website](#), quoting 26000303089.



Images released following burglary in Mickle Trafford

UPDATE:

Officers have now released CCTV images of two men as part of their investigation and are urging anyone who may recognise them to get in touch.

The suspects were described as male and spoke with Merseyside accents.



Original appeal (10 February 2026): Officers are appealing for witnesses and those with footage to come forward following reports of a burglary in Mickle Trafford.

On Saturday 7 February, police received reports of a burglary at an address in Station Lane, Mickle Trafford, Chester, which is believed to have taken place at around 6.13pm. During the incident, two men gained entry to the property when it was unoccupied. It is not believed that anything was stolen.

Detective Inspector Rupert Morrey said: *“We are working hard to trace those responsible and would like to appeal to anyone who witnessed what happened or saw anything suspicious to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who may have been in the area at the time who has any dashcam footage. We would also urge people in the area to check their CCTV and video doorbell cameras to see if they captured anything relevant.”*

You can report information by calling 101 or visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting [IML-2266490](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us).

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