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Congleton man jailed for engaging in sexual communications with a child

A man from Congleton has been jailed for over four years after forcing an 11-year-old child to engage in sexual communications.



Joshua Brookes appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 19 February 2026, where he was sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment. The sentencing comes after the 21-year-old, of Vaudrey Crescent, Congleton, pleaded guilty to four counts of inciting a girl under the age of 13 to engage in sexual activity and two counts of making indecent images of a child. The court heard that officers from Cheshire Police's Online Child Abuse Investigation Team (OCAIT) had been investigating reports of online sexual activity between an 18-year-old man and a child.

On Tuesday 30 July 2024, OCAIT officers arrested Brookes and subsequently seized a number of digital devices belonging to him. These devices—a phone and a laptop—were inspected by digital forensic teams, who uncovered a series of threatening messages that had been sent to the victim. The messages showed that Brookes pressured the girl into sending him sexualised images of herself. He went on to tell the child that if she stopped sending images, he would share them with people she knew, and he even threatened to harm himself and sexually assault her. Across Brookes' devices, nearly 30 indecent images were found. Officers later identified the victim as an 11-year-old girl, who confirmed to them that Brookes had forced her to send the images and had made a number of threats towards her if she stopped.

In his interview with police, Brookes gave no comment to all questions and allegations put to him. Despite his refusal to provide his side of the story or defend himself, Brookes was subsequently charged with the offences. Alongside his custodial sentence, Brookes has also been made the subject of a ten-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Detective Constable Anna Hull, of CID Reactive North, said: *"Firstly, I would like to commend the victim in this case, whose help has been invaluable in securing this conviction against Joshua Brookes. Despite her young age, the bravery and courage she has shown in coming forward and speaking to police about the ordeal has been nothing short of inspiring. Brookes used fear and intimidation to manipulate his victim, a vulnerable child, making her feel guilty for not wanting to feed into his warped sexual fantasies. I am very glad to see that he has been handed a lengthy custodial sentence, which will, hopefully, allow the victim in this case and her family to begin to move on from this extremely alarming incident. Even when Brookes is eventually released from prison in 2030, he will be under continual monitoring under a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, ensuring he will never cause harm to another vulnerable child again."*

Three men sentenced following Disley burglary

Three men have been sentenced for the roles they played in a burglary at a home in Disley.

Connor Wrigley, 21, and Thomas Wood, 24, both of Kelly Smith Way, Macclesfield, were jailed after they pleaded guilty to one count of burglary. Wrigley received four years (this includes the activation of a one-year suspended sentence) while Wood received two years and three months. Ryan Howarth, 22, of Freeman Road, Dukinfield, was sentenced to 15 months suspended for two years after he admitted handling stolen property.



They all appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 20 February 2026. The court heard how in the early hours of Saturday 5 July 2025, Wrigley and Wood forced entry into an address on Orford Avenue in Disley and stole the keys to two Mercedes vehicles which were parked outside the address. The pair then fled the address in the two stolen cars, both travelling towards Stockport. The incident was reported to police and after analysing CCTV and ANPR footage, Wrigley and Wood were identified as the key suspects.

Following enquiries the pair were both arrested at an address in Salford on Tuesday 8 July 2025.

During a search of the address officers located several mobile phones and designer clothing. The keys to one of the stolen cars was also found in bushes underneath the bedroom window. While analysing the phones, officers discovered images of Wood posing with the two stolen Mercedes vehicle keys, as well as messages which showed Wrigley was trying to sell the vehicles and videos of him driving them. Messages were present between Wrigley and Howarth, and Howarth assisted Wrigley transporting one of the stolen vehicles across to West Yorkshire, linking him to the incident. One of the stolen vehicles was later recovered in Dukinfield on cloned number plates.



Following the sentencing, Police Constable Benjamin Dickinson, said: *“Burglary is a horrific offence, and we’re committed to using all the tools available to us to ensure that those responsible are held accountable for their actions. The impact burglary can have on a victim should never be underestimated. The effect on victims can be long-lasting and even lead to some wanting to move house once their safe space has been violated by these thieves. I hope that the sentences handed to Wood, Wrigley and Howarth will provide some closure to the victim and also provide reassurance to the local community.”*

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox, of Macclesfield Proactive CID, added: *“Wrigley and Wood deliberately targeted this address to steal high-powered vehicles, taking away the victim’s sense of security before flaunting their gains, showing not only their disregard for the law but their desire to gain attention and status from their actions. The dedication and relentless pursuit by the team here at Macclesfield Proactive CID was instrumental in holding Wrigley, Wood and Howarth to account and securing justice for the victim in this case. The message continues to be clear, if you commit crime in this county, you will be caught and you will be brought to justice.”*

Two men sentenced following violent altercation in Winsford

Two men who were involved in a violent altercation in Winsford have been sentenced.

Dionisio Belo and Gerson Cabreirs were both sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 19 February. Belo, 30, of Bradbury Road, Winsford and Cabreirs, 31, of Bradbury Road, Winsford, were both sentenced to 21 months in prison, suspended for two years. Both men were also ordered to complete 200 hours unpaid work in the next 12 months. The pair had earlier pleaded guilty to violent disorder and possession of an offensive weapon in a public place.

On Tuesday 29 April 2025, police received multiple reports of a large-scale disturbance on Bradbury Road, Winsford. Callers reported how the men were armed with metal bars, baseball bats, bricks and snooker cues. There were also reports of people chasing each other in vehicles along Bradbury Road. Officers flooded the scene and following enquiries Belo and Cabreirs were arrested in relation to the incidents. At least three people were injured as a result of the altercation. Following questioning both men were both charged in relation to the incident.

Following the sentencing, Inspector Paul Heatley, of Northwich Local Policing Unit said: *"Incidents of this nature are rare in Winsford area, and the behaviour of Belo and Cabreirs that day caused panic across the local community. Their actions left residents terrified, fearing for their safety in their own homes, the one place they should be able to feel safe. Thankfully, as a result of the team here at Northwich, Belo and Cabreirs, were quickly identified as key players in the disorder and the pair were swiftly arrested and charged. The overwhelming evidence against the men left them with no option but to plead guilty to the charges against them, and they have now been held accountable for their actions."*

Man admits selling fake Taylor Swift tickets

A man from Ellesmere Port has pleaded guilty to selling fake Taylor Swift concert tickets.

Jordan Moore appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 13 February where he pleaded guilty to seven counts of fraud by false representation. The court heard how between November 2023 and March 2025 Moore defrauded seven victims out of more than £5,000. Of the seven charges, five counts related to the fraudulent sale of Taylor Swift concert tickets through Facebook and Gumtree. The remaining two charges related to the fraudulent sale of greyhound equipment. Moore, 32, of Reedville, Smithy Lane, Little Sutton, Ellesmere Port, has been released on bail and will be sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Friday 27 March.

Police Constable Hindley, from Cheshire Police said: *"I welcome the guilty plea entered by Moore and I hope that it provides some reassurance for his victims. While the internet now makes it much easier to sell items, unfortunately, as we've seen in this case, it also makes it easier for dishonest sellers to defraud victims. Moore was well aware that what he was doing was wrong, but he thought that he would be able to outsmart his victims and avoid justice. Thankfully, as a result of the information provided by the victims, and the evidence gathered by the team here at Cheshire Police, he was left with no option but to admit his guilt and will now be held accountable for his actions."*

Chorley man jailed for attempting to bring in class A, B and C drugs into festival

A man from Chorley has been jailed after attempting to bring cocaine, ketamine, MDMA into the Daresbury festival.



Liam Dodd was jailed for 16 months on Wednesday 18 February after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (MDMA), possession with intent to supply Class B drugs (Ketamine) and possession of cocaine and nitrous oxide.

The court heard that prior the festival Dodd had purchased a four-day camping ticket and had travelled to the Daresbury festival on Thursday 22 August 2024. Shortly after 2pm that day, Dodd attempted to enter the site via the VIP entrance, where he was subjected to a mandatory search as a condition of entry. It was here that an on-site detection dog indicated that he may be in possession of drugs.

Creamfields security then contacted a Cheshire Police officer within the festival and Dodd was subsequently searched. On his person was found:

- X3 large nitrous oxide canisters, canisters nozzles and balloons
- Several quantities of cocaine in various sized bags
- Between 70 and 80 purple tablets, later found to be MDMA

Dodd was subsequently removed from the festival and invited to a voluntary interview with police regarding what had been found. During his interview, Dodd admitted to police that he had intended to bring the drugs into the festival with the intention to share them among a group of friends believed to be attending the festival later. He also told officers he was not paid to take the drugs into Creamfields and that he was not under any threat now the drugs had been seized from him. As a result, he was subsequently charged with the offences.

Police Constable Tony Icke, of the Creamfields Post Event Investigation Team, said: *“Year after year, we and the team at Creamfields make it abundantly clear that anyone attempting to bring illegal substances into the festival will face the full extent of the law. Whilst the majority of festivalgoers are respectful of this, we continue to see a brazen few attempting to bring drugs of all classes into Creamfields, thinking they can get inside without being detected. This is not something we will tolerate and, as we have seen in this case, the consequences of doing so can result in a substantial prison sentence.”*

Woman banned from areas of Ellesmere Port following successful CBO application

A woman has been banned from areas of Ellesmere Port under the terms of a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).



Jade Grannell was handed the two-year CBO at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 17 February after officers provided evidence of her displaying anti-social behaviour across Ellesmere Port. The 37-year-old is now banned from the exclusion area in Ellesmere Port showed in the attached map.

She must not enter the premises, or grounds of any sheltered housing or supported living accommodation provided by the local authority, or housing association, or other private company, situated within the Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council area without the written permission of the relevant housing body, or private company, save for premises where she has been placed as a resident and only during the time when she is a resident. Grannell must also not enter any address or premises from which she has already been barred or asked to leave, in writing.



Constable Lucy Hawkins said: *“Grannell has caused persistent and escalating anti-social behaviour and this CBO has been sought to put a stop to her behaviour, while hopefully providing long-term prevention of this conduct. I hope this CBO will provide reassurance to the local community that we are committed to tackling this type of behaviour, protecting vulnerable members of the community, and listening to the public’s concerns. If anyone witnesses Grannell breaching the terms of her CBO, please contact 101 or report the breach via our website, so she can be held accountable for her actions.”*

Cannabis farmer who hid for eight hours during registry office raid jailed

A man who hid from police in the loft of a disused registry office that had been converted into a cannabis farm has been jailed.



Viktor Ymeralilaj, of no fixed address, was jailed for 16 months on Wednesday 18 February. The 31-year-old had pleaded guilty to the cultivation of cannabis at the first opportunity at Chester Crown Court. The court heard that at around 9am on Monday 19 January 2026, officers from Macclesfield conducted a warrant at a former registry office on Park Green in the centre of the town. The building, which consists of a cellar, first and second floors, and a loft area, was derelict and had subsequently been boarded up for some time, making access inside the property considerably difficult.

However, once inside the property, officers located four separate rooms on the ground floor containing fully grown cannabis plants. Moving further into the property, it became clear to the officers that the building had been converted into a large-scale cannabis factory and that a number of people had been living there. Further searches resulted in officers finding fresh food items inside a kitchen area, several beds, a washing machine, and items of clothing hung up and drying. A radiator in one of the sleeping areas was also found to be still warm, indicating that someone had been there recently.



Due to the size of the property, the search continued across the day and, at around 5pm, an officer with a thermal heat gun found a trace of heat located in the loft area. Inside was Ymeralilaj, who was found crouched behind a roof beam. He was subsequently brought into custody, and whilst being taken to a cell he told officers he had been held at the cannabis farm against his will. During his interview, he maintained that he had been held at the farm against his will by two men who employed him to feed and water the plants. He went on to say that he had last seen these men

around three weeks prior and that he had been locked inside the building to tend to the cannabis ever since. However, despite his protests, he was subsequently charged with the offence.

Police Constable David Noon, of Macclesfield's Neighbourhood Team, said: *"Viktor Ymeralilaj told us that he had been held captive at the former registry office on Park Green, Macclesfield, with no means of escape. However, the uncovering of several food items within the kitchen area that were still very much in date proved that someone had definitely been out and done their shop very recently. The building had been fully converted into a cannabis factory with living quarters, with the intention of producing the drug on a large scale, and we estimate the approximate street value of the cannabis we found to be worth upwards of £175,000. That cannabis has now been destroyed and the closure of this large-scale operation will deal a considerable blow to the local drug trade, which I welcome.*

"With that said, however, we rely on information from the public to help us locate and shut down operations such as this. So, I would urge anyone with any concerns or information about the cultivation or facilitation of drugs in their area to please contact their local beat team and leave the rest to us and our big red keys."

Man charged with burglary and driving offences

A man has been charged with multiple offences following a burglary in Wilmslow.

Naglis Kisielius, of Almond Grove, Stoke-on-Trent, has been charged with burglary of a dwelling and theft, dangerous driving, driving without insurance, and driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence. The 22-year-old appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 19 February 2026 and has since been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 19 March 2026. The charges relate to reports of a burglary in which a BMW X5 was stolen from outside an address in Torkington Road, Wilmslow, on Wednesday 18 February 2026.

County-wide collaborative immigration and safeguarding operation yields positive results

Operation Ascertain was launched across the county over the weekend, with officers focusing their efforts on organised immigration crime within the delivery sector and safeguarding people within our nighttime economy venues.

On Friday 13 and Saturday 14 February, officers from the Foreign National Offender Team, local Beat Management and Home Office Immigration were deployed to Widnes, Warrington, Crewe, Chester and Ellesmere Port as part of Operation Ascertain. Officers were deployed to the areas between 7pm and 3am to conduct immigration checks on delivery drivers, ensuring they were legally allowed to work in the UK and were not being exploited under modern day slavery offences. Officers were also supported by local authority CCTV officers, who monitored the areas in real-time allowing for the prevention of crime and rapid response to any ongoing incidents.

Over 70 checks were conducted over the course of the two nights, with immigration checks being completed alongside colleagues from the National Command and Control Unit's Immigration Enforcement. Results included:

- Over 30 stop searches completed
- x3 Community Resolutions being issued in relation to the possession of drugs
- x5 traffic reports being issued
- x4 vehicles seized
- x1 dispersal notice issued

Two arrests were also made during the operation. A 51-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of immigration offences and has since been bailed by immigration teams. A 19-year-old man was also arrested on suspicion of sexual assault. He has also since been released on bail.

In line with the Constabulary's force priority, there was a particular focus on tackling violence against women and girls, with officers out in force in proximity to nighttime economy venues ensuring everyone remained safe. No offences were reported.

Sergeant Lauren Henthorn, of the Foreign National Offender Team, said: *"Operation Ascertain forms part of our wider ongoing efforts to crack down on those who are intent on exploiting vulnerable people and ensuring those who work within this sector are correctly licensed and working safely. This operation was also an opportunity to ensure that everyone making use of our nighttime economy venues was doing so safely and responsibly. I hope this operation highlights to members of the public the volume of work that goes into keeping our residents safe from those who are intent on causing risk and harm to our communities."*

Chief Inspector Rob McLoughlin, Local Policing Unit Commander for Warrington, added: *"These operations have been a truly collaborative effort, and a major factor in their success has been the invaluable contribution of our town centre CCTV operators. In operations like these, where real-time monitoring across large areas is essential, CCTV teams play a vital role in preventing crime and promoting safety across the nighttime economy, retail environments, and especially in safeguarding women, girls, and vulnerable people."*

Chief Constable speaks out on plans to close CCTV control room

The Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary has spoken out about plans by Warrington Borough Council to close their CCTV control room.

Earlier this month the local authority announced a number of proposals as part of plans to save approximately £130m over the next four years. One of the proposals put forward by the authority is the complete closure of the town centre CCTV control room. The proposal would mean that the cameras would no longer be monitored live time and instead would be left switched on in fixed positions and could only be viewed retrospectively.

Cheshire Constabulary Chief Constable Mark Roberts, said: *"Crime and disorder in Warrington has fallen over recent years, and this has been achieved because of effective partnership working across agencies - not by any single organisation operating in isolation. A key contributor to this success has been the real-time monitoring of the town centre CCTV system, which plays an essential role in*

preventing crime, enabling rapid intervention, and supporting the safety of the night-time economy, retail environment, and particularly women and girls.

“As stated in the council’s own report, in 2025 alone our officers attended approximately 3,500 incidents and 600 people were arrested, as a direct result of interventions by staff within the CCTV control room. These included arrests for a number of serious offences such as sexual assaults, assaults, and possession of weapons, along with other offences such as shoplifting, vagrancy, and theft.

“Within their report the council also states that is the responsibility of Cheshire Constabulary to ensure the safety of residents. Not only is this factually incorrect, but it fundamentally misrepresents the established legal framework and undermines decades of collaborative working. While policing plays a vital role in protecting the public, community safety is not solely the responsibility of the police. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places shared statutory duties on local authorities and police forces alike to work in partnership, prepare and implement community safety strategies, and act collectively to reduce crime and disorder.

“During previous meetings and in the agendas published online, it has been suggested that there had been early discussions with Cheshire Police in relation to the plans prior to the proposals being announced. However, this is simply not the case and to date we have been unable to have any constructive discussions with the council. I have personally made multiple attempts to contact them to discuss their proposals, but have yet to receive a response, which is why I feel my only option is to speak out to local residents, councillors and MPs, directly I want to make it clear that if the council goes ahead with the proposals to move to a passive, unmonitored system, I have no doubt that it will substantially diminish the number of arrests and is likely to result in an increase in crime levels in the area.

“Cheshire Constabulary remains committed to working collaboratively with Warrington Borough Council to keep residents safe, however I truly feel that the proposal as currently stated is a significant backwards step, which will have a substantial impact on the safety and security of local residents and businesses.”

Man jailed for driving offences in Warrington

A man has been jailed after purposefully driving into another vehicle during an altercation.

Alexander McColl appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 10 February 2026. The 28-year-old, of Henshall Avenue, Latchford, Warrington, was sentenced to 22 months for dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance. The sentence includes 12 months for these offences, plus the activation of a 10-month suspended sentence.



At 12.15pm on Friday 5 September 2025, a man called police to report damage to his black Audi vehicle, in Rudloe Court, Warrington. It was reported that McColl had purposefully driven into the Audi following an altercation between him and the victim. During the incident, the victim had stopped his vehicle to confront McColl about damage that had been sustained to his vehicle the previous night. McColl then got into a white Ford Transit van and drove into the Audi, which was

being driven by the victim at the time and had two children as passengers, causing scratches and dents, plus a smashed windscreen. McColl did not have insurance in place and was also disqualified from driving. He is now further disqualified from driving for two years and five months.

A spokesperson said: *“McColl decided to foolishly try and use his vehicle as a weapon during an altercation which thankfully on this occasion only caused damage to a vehicle but could easily have injured someone. There is never any excuse for not respecting the rules of the road and McColl now has time to reflect on this in custody.”*

Man jailed for stealing from shops in Congleton

A 31-year-old man has been jailed after pleading guilty to stealing from shops in Congleton.

Samuel Holliday, from Shaw Close, Congleton, appeared at Crewe Magistrates Court for a trial on 2 February but changed his plea to guilty for four counts of theft from a shop, and one count of handling stolen goods. He was bailed to appear in court for a further trial on 9 February at Crewe Magistrates for possession of a blade in a public place. He previously admitted to separate charges of possession of a controlled drug of Class B (cannabis/cannabis resin), possession of a class C controlled drug (Midazolam) and possession of a class C controlled drug (Alprazolam).



He was subsequently found guilty of possession of a blade in a public place. This related to being arrested on 6 September 2025 after officers stop searched him in Congleton. The drugs and a razor blade were found in his bag. In relation to the theft offences, between 9 November 2025 and 26 November 2025 Holliday targeted The Shell Garage on Clayton Bypass, Farm Foods, Barn Road, and then Morrisons Daily on St Johns Road on two occasions.

The handling of stolen goods referred to trainers, perfume and electrical items found at his address on Shaw Close, Congleton, that he could not account for. He stole more than £400 worth of goods from the shops over the course of the month. CCTV captured Holliday stealing from the shops and on 7 December 2025 officers arrested Holliday. He has now been sentenced to six weeks for the theft and handling stolen goods offences and 22 weeks for the drug and blade possession. A suspended sentence of 48 weeks was also activated.

PC James Rowley of the Congleton Neighbourhood Policing team said: *“Holliday’s disregard for local businesses and vulnerable members of the community was clear in his offending and now he is paying the price for his criminal activity. His actions have taken up a large amount of police resources across numerous departments, so we welcome the result. A joint effort between local officers led to the prompt detainment of Holliday on 7 December where he was remanded into custody to prevent further offences. We are committed to protecting businesses against repeat offenders and will continue to bring thieves to justice.”*

Man arrested following M6 police pursuit

Officers from the Cheshire Police Roads and Crime Unit have arrested a man following a pursuit on the M6.

At around 2am Wednesday 11 February, officers were made aware of a vehicle travelling on the M6 which had failed to stop for Greater Manchester Police earlier that evening. Following an area search alongside colleagues from Staffordshire Police, a white Mercedes AMG matching the description was sighted near to Sandbach Services on the M6. Police attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver made off at speed, and a pursuit was subsequently authorised. Officers followed the vehicle as it travelled at speeds of up to 150 mph through areas coned off by roadworks. A police stinger was used to slow the vehicle, and the pursuit was subsequently brought to a safe conclusion on Alsager Road, near to the A500. The driver of the vehicle, a 19-year-old man from Telford, was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving. He's since been released on bail.

Inspector Bradley Hughes of Cheshire Police's Roads and Crime unit said: *"This was a great example of teamwork between forces to stop and arrest a dangerous driver who clearly showed no regard for the safety of members of the public. Thanks to our officers working together, we were able to bring this dangerous behaviour to an end. Let this be a reminder – if you commit crime on Cheshire's roads, there is nowhere you can hide."*

Man jailed following drugs dog operation in Chester

A man has been jailed following a passive drugs dog operation in Chester.

Richard Roberts appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 9 February where he was sentenced to 21 months. The 52-year-old, of no fixed abode, had earlier pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs – heroin.



On Saturday 28 June 2025, an officer was taking part in a passive drugs dog operation outside Chester Train Station. Shortly before 11.20am, Roberts left the train station, and the dog gave a positive indication that he may have been in possession of drugs. The officer was also aware there was intelligence to suggest Roberts was involved in drugs supply offences. Roberts was searched and the officer located suspected drugs inside a small black bag which he was carrying. Approximately 20 wraps of heroin were seized, along with what was suspected to be a burner phone and £700 in cash. Roberts was arrested and later charged in relation to the offences.

PC Bregazzi said: *"We regularly carry out a number of operations in Chester, including passive drugs dog operations, to help disrupt a range of criminal activity. This case shows the importance of these and clearly highlights how officers' knowledge, paired with specific expertise like drugs dogs, can be pivotal in our fight against illegal drugs. Roberts was no match for the keen nose of our four-legged colleague, and he is now facing time behind bars for his actions."*

Two charged following vehicle theft in Warrington

Two men have been charged in connection with the theft of a vehicle in Warrington.

Adam Lamb, 23, of Devonshire Road, Rochdale, and Sabian Allert, 18, of Newby Drive, Middleton, were arrested in Bolton in the early hours of Thursday 5 February after a police pursuit that began in Warrington. Allert has been charged with theft of a motor vehicle, criminal damage, dangerous

driving, and burglary. Lamb has been charged with theft of a motor vehicle, criminal damage, aiding and abetting dangerous driving, and burglary.

Both men have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 6 March. The charges relate to the theft of a white BMW at around 2am on Thursday 5 February from an address on Dam Lane, Woolston.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal to trace Northwich man wanted on recall to prison

Police are appealing for information from the public to help trace a man from Northwich wanted on recall to prison.

Zach Hanley is described as white, of medium build around 5'10" tall, with short brown hair and blue eyes. The 30-year-old was previously residing in the Romanes Street area of Northwich but is also known to have links to Stalybridge and Withenshaw, in Manchester.



Anyone with any information in relation to the whereabouts of Hanley, is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting 26000102608.

Appeal for witnesses following attempt burglary in Alsager

Police investigating an attempt burglary in Alsager are appealing for information from members of the public.

At around 1.30am today, Tuesday 17 February, three unknown offenders attempted to force their way into a property on Goldfinch Drive, Alsager, but fled the scene before entering the address. Officers swiftly attended and made a search of the area but found no trace of the suspects. Enquiries are ongoing to identify those involved and officers are appealing for information, CCTV or dashcam footage which could assist the investigation.

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox said: *"Thankfully, on this occasion the offenders were unsuccessful in their attempts to commit a burglary. However, we want to trace whoever is responsible before they target anywhere else. As part of our investigation we want to hear from anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in the Goldfinch Drive area around the time the incident occurred. The same goes for any motorists who believe they may have captured the offenders on their dashcam. I urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to report this [via the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML 2272380."*

Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following fail to stop collision near Runcorn.

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fail to stop collision on the M56 near Runcorn.

At 5.37pm on Tuesday 10 February police were called to a collision on the M56 eastbound, between junction 14 (near to Helsby) and junction 12 (Runcorn) towards Manchester. The caller reported that there had been a collision between a Ford Transit Tipper and a silver van. Thankfully, there were no reports of any serious injuries. The driver of the van failed to stop and made towards Manchester.

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. They are also keen to hear from anyone with the registration number of the silver van. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 2268373.

Appeal following collision in Macclesfield

Police are appealing for witnesses following a collision in Macclesfield.

At 09.20am on Saturday 14 February 2026, police received reports of a collision on A537 Cumberland Street, near to the roundabout at the junction with Chester Road. The collision involved a grey Skoda Octavia and a pedestrian. The pedestrian, a 78-year-old man, was taken to hospital after sustaining serious injuries to his leg and arm.

Constable Barnard from Cheshire Police's Roads and Crime unit said:

"This collision has occurred on an arterial route through Macclesfield, and we are looking for anyone who witnessed the collision directly to contact us. The same goes for anyone who may have captured the incident on dashcam footage."

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website quoting IML-2270773.

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