

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Teenagers charged following robbery in Widnes

Two teenagers have been charged with robbery offences following an incident in Widnes.

The two boys, who are aged 15 and 16 and are from St Helens and Wigan respectively, were arrested on Thursday 15 January. Both have since been charged with attempted robbery, with the 15-year-old also being charged with:

- Driving without insurance
- Driving without a license
- Driving without due care and attention

The pair have been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 16 January. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in the Gerrard area of Widnes on Thursday 15 January.

Dispersal order to be issued ahead of Crewe v Barrow match

Officers in Crewe will be providing extra patrols in the town this weekend ahead of Crewe Alexandra Football Club's game against Barrow AFC.

For the upcoming fixture on Saturday 17 January 2026, a dispersal order will be in place to ensure that those attending the match can do so safely. A dispersal order gives officers and PCSOs in uniform the power to direct individuals away from the area for up to 48 hours if engaging or likely to engage in anti-social behaviour, crime or disorder. Those failing to comply with the direction will face further police action. The area covered by the order is indicated by the highlighted mapped area which will be provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave. The order is in place from 12pm until 7pm on Saturday 17 January 2026.

Inspector Dan Welch, of Crewe LPU, said: *"While we know a vast majority of supporters will enjoy the game peacefully, the dispersal order allows us to better protect fans and the local community should any anti-social behaviour or disorder arise. We would like to remind fans to attend peacefully with consideration for those around them. We will not stand for anyone flouting the law, and our officers will be on the lookout for anyone intent on causing harm and ensure that they are dealt*

with appropriately. Those in and around the area will see an increase of officers before, during, and after the game, and I would urge anyone with any concerns to please speak with them."

You can report anti-social behaviour to Cheshire Police via

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/> or call 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.



Man charged following Northwich burglary

Detectives investigating a burglary at a sandwich shop in Northwich have charged a man in relation to the incident.

At around 5am on Thursday 15 January, police were called to reports of an incident at a commercial premises on London Road. Officers attended and found that there had been a burglary at the sandwich shop, and a quantity of cash had been stolen from the till, along with cash from a charity box and a tip jar. Following enquiries a 31-year-old local man was arrested in relation to the incident.

Jack Didsbury, of Parkfield Road, Northwich, has since been charged with one count of burglary other than a dwelling. He has also been charged with two counts of shoplifting in relation to incidents at Spar in Davenham on Sunday 28 December, and Home Bargains in Winsford on Tuesday 30 December. Didsbury has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 16 January.

Warrington man jailed for serious crime prevention order breaches

A man from Warrington has been jailed for failing to comply with a Serious Crime Prevention Order and possessing criminal property.

Anton Daniels was jailed for 12 months at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 13 January after pleading guilty to four counts of failing to comply with a crime prevention order and the possession of criminal property at an earlier hearing. During his hearing Chester Crown Court were told that Daniels, of Walker Court in Bewsey and Whitecross, had been released from prison in October 2024 and had a three-year Serious Crime Prevention Order imposed against him.



Under this order, the 41-year-old was required not to be in possession of more than £1000 in cash and to only own one mobile phone at any time, with any additional devices needing to be registered to Cheshire Police. Only two months later, on Sunday 8 December, Daniels was arrested for unrelated matter. Whilst detained by officers, Daniels told them that in his hold-all bag was over £5230. Further to this, it was uncovered that he had also failed to register an additional mobile device and a smart watch, which was another breach of the order imposed against him.

After being taken into custody, Daniels was asked as why he had been in possession of an unregistered device and smart watch, to which he said to officers "Who do you think I am, Pablo Escobar? I have only been out (of prison) eight weeks." When asked about the large quantity of cash on his person, he remained silent and gave no answers. Despite this, he would be charged and eventually plead guilty to the breaches in court.

Detective Constable Kelsie Sherratt, of CID Reactive North said: *"No law-abiding individual goes about their daily business with over £5000 in cash on their person and, paired with the fact he had several devices in his possession that he chose not to register with police, it was clear to us that Mr Daniels had not learnt his lesson after being released from prison only eight weeks earlier. Orders such as those imposed on Anton Daniels are put in place to prevent any potential reoffending from occurring and we treat any and all breaches with the utmost seriousness. We will always look to prosecute anyone found to be within breach of their imposed orders, like Daniels, with the full extent of the law. If you have any information or suspicions about anyone believed to be in breach of a police or court order in your area, you can contact Cheshire Police via the website or call 101, and we will take it from there."*

Information can also be passed on to the force anonymously via Crimestoppers, who can be contacted on 0800 555 11

Creamfields drugs dealer jailed

A man from Bolton who was caught dealing drugs at a music festival in Cheshire has been jailed.

Noah Boateng appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 14 January, where he was sentenced to 28 months in prison. The 20-year-old of Shady Lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton, had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A and B drugs. During the hearing, the court heard how at around 1.40pm on Saturday



24 August 2024, officers were alerted to reports that Boateng had been detained by security staff at the festival on suspicion of dealing drugs.

21 bags of cocaine, 8 bags of ketamine, 30 MDMA tablets, one 2CB tablet, and one mixed tablet. The drugs had an estimated value of £1,440. Boateng was subsequently arrested on suspicion of drugs offences. During questioning, he admitted possessing drugs, but queried the quantity, and claimed that they were all for personal use. Despite his claims, he was charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine and possession with intent to supply ketamine. Boateng later pleaded guilty to all the charges.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Tony Icke said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Boateng and I hope that it acts as a warning to others who are thinking about bringing illegal drugs to Cheshire. Every year before the festival we work hard to ensure that all attendees are fully aware of the consequences they face if they bring illegal drugs onto the site. They are also given ample opportunities to dispose of the drugs in surrender bins before going through the search process. Yet despite all the warnings, Boateng still came thinking that he would be able to make a quick buck selling illegal drugs. As a result, he's now behind bars."*

Cowboy builder who took over £21k from vulnerable customer sentenced

A man who took a large amount of money from an elderly man has been sentenced.

Danny Quinn, 39, was handed an 18-month prison sentence suspended for two years at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 January 2026. He was also ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work. His sentencing follows an earlier hearing where Quinn, of Cransley Road, Kettering, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft. During his hearing, the court was told that Quinn had received a total of over £21,850 for an illegitimate 'building project' from a 76-year-old man from Congleton.

The case came to the attention of Cheshire Police in October 2022, after the victim's bank contacted them to flag concerns about large transactions being made from his account. It was uncovered that on 21 March 2022, Quinn knocked on the victim's door, offering to do gardening work for him. Over the next month, the victim paid Quinn over £12,000 to complete work for him. Whilst some of this work was completed to a satisfactory standard, some of the work Quinn did for the victim remained incomplete. After paying money to Quinn, the victim was called a few days later by the 39-year-old, who stated he had forgotten to include a VAT rate on one of the payments and needed an extra £1,000 more from the him, which was subsequently paid.

In May, Quinn contacted the victim and told him that he was involved in a building project, asking if he wanted to invest money in the project for a return on his investment. Between May and September, the victim handed over a total of £21,850 to Quinn towards this project and never received any details as to what it was. Due to the scale of these transactions, restrictions were placed on the victim's bank account, which prompted Quinn to ask the victim to continue sending money from an alternative account.

Following the launch of the investigation into Quinn, he would contact the victim on a withheld number and told him to tell the police that the money he had sent over had been sent in good faith. The victim told investigating officers that he felt under pressure to pay the money and was told by Quinn that he had two other investors alongside him, who were at risk of losing their investments.

Quinn was arrested on 7 December 2022, and during his interview with police, he admitted that he was the individual who had received the money from the victim. However, he denied using the money for investment projects, claiming that it was for tool hire, building materials, and transportation. Despite claiming he had not done anything wrong, he would be subsequently charged.

Detective Constable Sarah Newton, who led the investigation into Quinn's offending, said: *"Danny Quinn exploited a vulnerable person under the guise that he would be completing building and maintenance work at his home. Despite claiming that he repaired a garden wall, power-washed a driveway, lifted and re-laid part of it, regularly mowed lawns and trimmed hedges, he could not say when he did what or how much he charged for each service. Not only this, but some of the work he did do, remained incomplete. Quinn also claimed not to have any recollection of telling the victim he would be investing his money into a 'building project' and claims the victim offered to lend him money because he was facing financial difficulties. Our investigation proved his claims otherwise, with mobile messages referring to the project that, supposedly, required the victims' money.*

"Thankfully, his offending has been brought to a conclusion, with Quinn pleading guilty to the charges facing him and being ordered to complete over 200 hours of work, for which he will not be paid. I hope this case serves as a reminder to people to report any similar offences, we will do all we can to support victims in cases like this. You can report information or suspicions online or by calling 101."

Members of OCG ordered to pay back around £1.5 million

Members of an organised crime group (OCG) have been ordered to pay back around £1.5 million under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).

Between Monday 13 January and Wednesday 15 January 2025, 16 men were sentenced at Chester Crown Court as part of Operation Heracles. This was an investigation conducted by Cheshire Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) into the supply of cannabis in Ellesmere Port and Chester between 12 April 2023 and 7 March 2024. Here is a link to the original sentencing release on this case: [Men sentenced to total of more than 80 years for drugs offences | Cheshire Constabulary](#)

At a hearing on Monday 12 January 2026, a judge ruled that a total of seven of the men benefited to the value of approximately £1.5 million each due to their criminal activities. Between them, they must pay back the sum of £1,460,250 in total. Individually, they must also pay back the following

amounts on top of this, which have been calculated from assets which were seized when they were arrested and have been valued as follows:

- Kyle Phillips: £4,670
- Daniel Nield: £2,900.20
- Adam Jones: £6,000
- Garry Tushingham: £8,231.94
- Daniel Taylor: £34,000
- Aiden Johnson: £15,810
- Nathan Elliott: £6,271.63

A spokesperson for Cheshire Constabulary SOCU said: *"Each of these men was unemployed with no legitimate income but clearly reaped the benefit of their criminal enterprise, indulging in money which was not lawfully earned. The seven men who have been ordered to pay back some of their ill-gotten gains were jailed for more than 40 years for their roles in the Operation Heracles case, so not only are they now behind bars, but they must also pay back almost £1.5 million between them. This is a great example of the lengths we will go to in order to target those who have profited from crime and ensure that when they are released from prison, they can no longer benefit from wealth earned through criminal means."*

Man charged following successful stop check near Northwich

Officers have charged a man with multiple offences following a successful stop check near Northwich.

At around 11.10pm on Tuesday 13 January, officers became aware of a suspicious vehicle which was travelling on the A49 near Northwich. Following a search of the area, the vehicle was located on Lodge Lane, Bartington, and the driver was arrested. Owen Neves, has since been charged with possession of a weapon in a public place, failing to provide a specimen, using false number plates and driving without insurance. The 26-year-old of Turrington, Bretton, Peterborough, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 15 January.

Congleton man jailed for sexually abusing young girls online

A man from Congleton has been jailed after he admitted to sexually abusing young girls online.

James Lawton appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 9 January where he was sentenced to three years and four months in prison. The 23-year-old, previously of Mill Street, Congleton, had earlier pleaded guilty to; causing a child to look at images of sexual activity, possession of indecent images of children, two counts of engaging in sexual communication with a child, three counts of making indecent images of children, and possession of extreme pornography. He also pleaded guilty to inciting a girl under 13 to engage in sexual activity. In addition to his prison sentence, Lawton was also ordered to sign the sex offenders register for life and handed a 10-year sexual harm prevention order.



The investigation began in January 2025 when Cheshire Police received intelligence relating to Lawton's online activity that suggested he was engaging in sexual communications with a child. Subsequently, officers from the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team conducted a warrant at Lawton's home in Crewe where he was arrested and a number of electronic devices were seized and sent for analysis. During this time, officers received a further report from Sussex Police that prior to his arrest, Lawton had been requesting sexually explicit images from a 12-year-old girl in their force area. Lawton told the child that he was 15 and sent her sexual images and videos of himself, encouraging her to do the same. He also requested indecent images from a 9-year-old girl from Nottingham. During examination of the devices, officers recovered 368 indecent images and videos of children, over 129 of which were category A. Lawton was later charged with the offences, which took place between June and August 2024.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Phil Limberg of the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team at Cheshire Police, said: *"We are committed to pursuing and bringing to justice those who view indecent images online and prey on vulnerable children using social media and messaging apps. Lawton is clearly a dangerous and predatory individual who was intent on engaging with young girls online for his own perverse sexual gratification, despite knowing full well that they were underage. Thankfully he has been given a substantial prison sentence and can no longer pose a threat to young girls."*

For advice on identifying signs of sexual exploitation visit [the NSPCC's website](#). To report a sexual offence call Cheshire Constabulary on 101. Information can also be given online [via the website](#).

Two men jailed for three county burglary series

Following a complex investigation into a series of burglaries across Cheshire, Merseyside and North Yorkshire, two Romanian burglars who entered the UK illegally have been jailed for over eight years.

Ion Zaharia, 44, and Samir Barbulesteanu, 23, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 13 January where they were jailed. Zaharia received a sentence of four years and three months, and Barbulesteanu received three years and six months.



The court heard that Cheshire Police launched 'Operation Fabricated' in direct response to a number of burglaries that occurred in the Warrington area of Cheshire, as well as in North Yorkshire and Merseyside between Wednesday 29 October and Monday 3 November 2025. Whilst three of the four burglaries had been unsuccessful, officers found that a Silver Citroen C4 with French number plates had been in the vicinity of all the sites where the break-ins had occurred.

Following a burglary in Widnes that saw cash and gold jewellery stolen from inside, the C4 was also captured on ANPR cameras, leaving Cheshire in the direction of Yorkshire. The officers working under Operation Fabricated, supported by colleagues from the Foreign National Offender Team and partners the Home Office Criminal and Financial Investigation Team, eventually traced the vehicle to a port in Harwich and uncovered that it had entered the UK a day prior to the first incident, Tuesday 28 October, with two men inside. These two men were Zaharia and Barbulesteanu, who had been caught on CCTV footage entering a service station near to the port and fuelling up the car prior to its near 260-mile journey to Cheshire.

With the suspects now identified, officers launched arrest attempts for the two men. On Tuesday 9 December, the pair were located at Birmingham Airport, attempting to flee the country. They were detained and arrested just moments before boarding a plane to Amsterdam and were found with cash and gold jewellery in their carry-on luggage. Upon being returned to Cheshire by attending officers, the pair were interviewed in relation to the burglaries. They answered "no comment" to all questions put to them. Once in court, however, both men pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit the burglary of a dwelling with the intent to steal. Following the conclusion of their respective sentences, both men will be deported back to Romania.

Police Constable Hannah Barton, who led the investigation into the series, said: *"It is apparent that Zaharia and Barbulesteanu entered the UK with one intention in mind: to burgle as many homes as possible and to flee undetected and without repercussions. Oftentimes when the pair struck, vulnerable and elderly residents were in the properties, and I can only imagine the fear they would have felt to have their homes broken into and their possessions rooted through and, in one instance, stolen. However, Zaharia and Barbulesteanu's mission was unsuccessful. What did not help their case was that the vehicle they used to travel from each of the addresses across the north west stuck out considerably, thanks to its French number plate. It would only be a matter of time before we were able to connect this distinctive vehicle and them to the five addresses that they had forcibly accessed. With that in mind, I welcome the considerable sentence handed to both men. This result shows that we will not let offenders get away with depriving others of their personal possessions and that we will work swiftly to bring them to justice using the full extent of the law."*

HGV driver jailed for 10 years for causing the deaths of two men and seriously injuring another

An HGV driver has been jailed after admitting causing the deaths of two pilots who were being driven home after their shifts, and to causing serious injuries to the taxi driver.

Passengers Matthew Greenhalgh, 28, and Jamie Fernandes, 24, died at the scene of the collision whilst taxi driver Rashid Mehmood suffered serious injuries. Anthony Burns, 63, from Headington Road, Upton appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 13 January where he pleaded guilty to two counts of causing death by dangerous driving and one of causing serious injury by dangerous driving. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison.



The court heard that at around 5.30am on Thursday 11 July 2024, a collision occurred between two lorries and a silver Toyota Auris taxi on the westbound carriageway of the M62 between junction 8 and junction 7. The vehicles were heading towards Liverpool and were in lane one of the motorway when the taxi driver came to a stop behind an HGV which was sitting in stationary traffic. A roadblock had been placed on their side of the carriageway for safety reasons while emergency services dealt with a collision on the eastbound carriageway.

Burns who was driving his HGV behind the taxi failed to react to the stationary traffic in time and collided with the Toyota which was shunted into the HGV in front. There were no less than four illuminated flashing amber gantry signs with clear warnings for those heading towards Liverpool. Two signs warned of a queue after the junction with the advisory speed set as 50mph and then 40mph as they approached the roadblock. The arrows above each lane prompted drivers to move from lane three to the left-hand lanes.



Sergeant Russ Sime said: *"There were plenty of warnings for motorists, yet Burns failed to act which resulted in a tragic outcome that could have been avoided. His failure to take note of the warnings and the stationary traffic ahead of him resulted in families being devastated and their lives changing forever. I can't emphasise enough how important it is to adhere to the motorway warning signs - this horrific and tragic event highlights exactly why you should."*

The families of both Captain Matt Greenhalgh and First Officer Jamie Fernandes paid tribute to them following the collision.

Matt's family said: *"Matt had a passion for life and seized every opportunity that came his way. He had already achieved so much in such a short life, with so much more planned. Matt discovered his ambition for becoming a pilot in his teenage years, following a flying lesson that was gifted by his aunt. His hard work and determination led to a successful career with Ryanair, recently being promoted to Captain. He loved the skies and flying, never growing tired of the scenic views from the cockpit. Matt was a keen sportsman; in his younger years enjoying rugby and cricket, and more recently golf and cycling. He wanted to try anything and everything, constantly seeking new adventures. Matt and his wife, Hannah, also enjoyed travelling. Their last trip being Las Vegas, where they were married just three months before his tragic death. We take comfort that we will hold so many fantastic memories of our time with him. He was a loving husband, thoughtful son, loyal brother, caring grandson, respected colleague and valued friend. We have been overwhelmed*

with love and affection to our family, from so many areas of Matt's life, as he clearly touched the lives of so many. We are lost without you. You are forever in our hearts."

Jamie's family said: *"Jamie was living his best life and had so many plans for the future. In his too short life he packed in so much and made the most of every moment. We are grateful that he had achieved the dream he had had from childhood of flying. He looked forward to every day at work where it is obvious he was with a very special family of colleagues and friends, and as he said, "The sun always shines above the clouds." Jamie loved spending time with his friends, playing golf, squash and was a keen hockey player. All of his friends from both school and the flying community were hugely important to him. He was so very kind and had a wicked sense of humour. We have been truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and affection to our family which shows what a special young man Jamie was and how he clearly touched the lives of more people than we could ever have imagined. Our darling boy was a loving son, grandson, nephew and cousin. He is the light of our lives and always will be."*

Macclesfield drug dealers jailed following joint investigation

A man and a woman from Macclesfield have been jailed for drugs offences following a joint investigation by Cheshire and Merseyside Police.

Michael Ault and Victoria Scott appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 January where they were sentenced to a combined total of 11 years behind bars. Ault, 50, of no fixed abode, Macclesfield, was jailed for eight years after he admitted to two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine) and two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Scott, 37, of Knutsford Walk, Macclesfield, was sentenced to three years in prison after she pleaded guilty to the same offences.



The court heard how in 2025 officers from Merseyside Police discovered mobile phone evidence which linked the pair to the sale of illegal drugs. Evidence suggested that Ault was managing a county lines drugs gang in the area, while Scott was dealing drugs on his behalf. After gathering a file of evidence, officers from Cheshire police conducted a series of warrants on Wednesday 22 October 2025 and arrested the pair. During searches, officers recovered a large quantity of cocaine and heroin, almost £7,000 cash and several mobile phones.

Following the sentencing Detective Constable Dionne Andrews, from Cheshire Police, said: *"This is a great example of partnership work, which has resulted in the removal of a large quantity of illegal drugs from the streets of Macclesfield. The corrosive effect of illegal drugs on communities cannot be understated. Behind every single drug deal there is vulnerability and misery, and we are fully committed to tackling the problem and targeting those involved. If you have any information about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place, please report it to us on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, and we will take care of the rest."*

Detective Sergeant Shaun McNee, from Merseyside Police Operation Toxic County Lines Team, added: *"Our close collaboration with Cheshire Constabulary means that two harmful drug suppliers are now starting significant prison sentences. Criminals who run County Lines cause massive harm on communities across our region and beyond. We remain determined to work alongside our partners in law enforcement and tackle criminals who seek to exploit people. Intelligence sharing with neighbouring forces happens quickly and efficiently, meaning that moving across borders is no longer an easier way to commit crime."*

Shoplifter jailed for two-week crime spree in Ellesmere Port

A man has been jailed after stealing more than £4,000 worth of items during shoplifting incidents in Ellesmere Port.



Barclay Redford pleaded guilty to eight shoplifting offences between Tuesday 23 December 2025 and Tuesday 6 January 2026. The 22-year-old, of Alnwick Drive, Ellesmere Port, was sentenced to 24 weeks at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 8 January 2026. Below is a full list of the items stolen by Redford:

- 23 December 2025: £1,050 worth of clothing and phone cases from Karl Lagerfeld at Cheshire Oaks.
- 24 December 2025: £73.94 worth of grocery items from Asda in Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port.
- 30 December 2025: £800 worth of sunglasses from Sunglasses Hut at Cheshire Oaks.
- 31 December 2025: £1,130 worth of sunglasses from Sunglasses Hut at Cheshire Oaks.
- 1 January 2026: £430 worth of clothing from JD Sports in Coliseum Way, Ellesmere Port.
- 2 January 2026: £462 worth of perfumes from The Perfume Shop at Cheshire Oaks.
- 3 January 2026: £110 worth of clothing from JD Sports in Coliseum Way, Ellesmere Port.
- 6 January 2026: £279 worth of perfumes from the Perfume Shop at Cheshire Oaks.

During each incident, Redford entered the stores, took items, and made no attempts to pay.

Police Constable Alex Johnson said: *"Redford is a prolific offender and relentlessly targeted shops over a two-week period, stealing more than £4,000 worth of items. He has no regard for how his offending affects local businesses and I am grateful that now been hauled back to prison for these offences. We are dedicated to ensuring our communities remain a safe place to live, work and visit, and removing individuals like Redford, who are intent on committing crime and causing misery, remains a top priority."*

Three charged following burglaries in Congleton, Alsager and Middlewich

Three men have been charged following an investigation into 11 burglaries in East Cheshire.

Logan Goodwin, 18, from Appleton Close in Biddulph, Warren Harrop, 18 of Bryant Road in Bucknall and Layton Knapper, 18, Tenbury Green in Bucknall were charged with conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal and appeared at North Staffordshire Justice Centre on 9 January. They have since been remanded into custody to appear in court on Monday 26 January. The charges followed an investigation by Crewe Proactive CID into 11 burglaries in Congleton, Alsager and Middleswich between 7 September 2025 and 8 January 2026.

Man charged with absconding from prison in Warrington

A man who was convicted of attempted murder has been charged with absconding from a prison in Cheshire.

Kieran Cameron was arrested by officers from Cheshire Police in the Hulme area of Manchester on Thursday 8 January. The 43-year-old has since been charged with escaping lawful custody and threats to damage/destroy property. Cameron appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court on Saturday 10 January where he was remanded in custody. He is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 9 February 2026.

Man charged with robbery and assault offences

Officers have charged a man with robbery and assault offences.

Mohamed Suleiman was arrested in the Woolston Grange Avenue area of Warrington on Friday 9 January 2026. The 22-year-old has since been charged with two counts of robbery and one count of assault by beating. Suleiman, of Woolston Grange Avenue, Warrington, appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 10 January, where he was remanded in custody. He will next appear Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 9 February.

Three men arrested and illegal tobacco seized following partnership operation in Chester

Officers from Cheshire Police joined were joined by colleagues from Trading Standards last week as part of ongoing efforts to tackle immigration crime and the supply of counterfeit cigarettes, tobacco, and vapes.

Operation Dockyard was a FIB initiative supported by staff from the Western Exploitation Team, Chester Proactive Team and Chester Local Policing unit. The operation took place on Friday 9 January, and involved warrants at three retail stores and two residential addresses Chester, which were all believed to be linked to the sale of illicit tobacco. These included three stores on Brook Street, a



residential address on Walter Street, Chester and an address on Glebe Meadows, Mickle Trafford - illegal cigarettes, illicit tobacco and counterfeit vapes were in all of the stores.

Two men, aged 40 and 43, were arrested on suspicion of money laundering, while a third man was detained for immigration offences. In total officers recovered 50,000 illicit cigarettes, and a large quantity of illegal tobacco and vapes. Three vehicles were also seized, along with a Rolex watch, a quantity of cash and a police style baton.



Detective Sergeant Paul Huxley, of the Western Exploitation Team, said: *“Operation Dockyard is part of our ongoing efforts to crack down on those who are intent on selling illicit products and those involved in immigration crime. While many businesses across Cheshire West are operating within the law, that there are a brazen few who believe they can get away with breaking the law. But as demonstrated with this operation, we will not stand for that.*

“We and our wider community partners work very hard around the clock to make our Cheshire communities a hostile environment for anyone who is looking to distribute and buy these illegal products. 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.”

The two men arrested for money laundering have since been released on bail pending further enquiries.

Man arrested and drugs seized following Winsford warrant

A man has been arrested and a quantity of illegal drugs seized following a warrant in Winsford.

At around 8am today, Monday 12 January, officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit, executed a warrant at an address on Wharton Bridge, in relation to the supply of illegal drugs. A 24-year-old man was arrested at the address on suspicion of possession with intent to supply of class B drugs and being concerned in the supply of class B drugs (cannabis). A quantity of cannabis edibles and cannabis syrup was also recovered at the address, along with cash and mobile phones.

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Inspector Paul Heatley, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *“Today’s warrant is part of our ongoing efforts to tack the supply of illegal drugs in the Winsford area and I hope it provides reassurance to local residents. Drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, causing widespread misery. As such, cutting off supplies of illegal drugs and removing dealers from our streets is of paramount importance. As part of our efforts to bring those responsible to justice, we also need support from the local community. I would appeal to anyone who has any information*

about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place in their communities to contact us on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following aggravated burglary in Knutsford

Officers are appealing for witnesses or anyone with any information to come forward following an aggravated burglary in Knutsford.

At 7.50pm on Wednesday 7 January, police received reports of an incident at an address in Legh Gardens, Knutsford. It was reported that two unknown men gained access to the property by smashing the rear doors and were believed to be in possession of an axe and a meat cleaver. They then forced the occupants to open a safe.

The suspects then made off from the scene in possession of a quantity of jewellery and cash. The occupants were not injured during the incident. The suspects are believed to have made off in the direction of Buckingham Close, dressed all in black and wearing face coverings. They also spoke with what is described as Liverpool accents.

Police Constable Harry Bayley said: *"We understand the concern this incident is likely to cause in the local community and please be assured that we are doing all we can to trace those responsible. The occupants were understandably shaken by the incident and we are providing extra attention to the area as a result. We would urge anyone who witnesses the incident, or anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area to please get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who has any relevant CCTV or dashcam footage which could aid our investigation. You can report information to police by calling 101 or visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML2247577."*

Appeal for information following robbery in Wilmslow

Detectives investigating a robbery in Wilmslow are appealing for information.

At around 6.40pm on Tuesday 13 January, two unknown men approached a parked car on Kennerleys Lane in Wilmslow. The two men were masked and wearing dark coloured clothing when they used a brick to smash the window of the car. They then attacked the victim, who was sat in the driver's seat, before stealing a Rolex watch from his wrist. The men then fled the scene towards Grove Avenue.

Detectives are now appealing to members of the public for more information which may assist their investigation.

Detective Inspector David Jarvis said: *"This was a frightening incident, and the victim has understandably been left shaken by his ordeal. I want to reassure the community that we are working hard to make sure those responsible are identified and brought to justice. Our enquiries are ongoing and as part of this we are asking anyone with any information, no matter how small it may be, to come forward. We are also keen to hear from anyone who may have CCTV, doorbell, or dashcam footage which may help our investigation."*

Anyone who has information, CCTV or dash cam footage is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary online [via the website](#) or via 101 quoting IML 2250915. Information can also be provided by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following criminal damage in Chester

Officers are appealing for witnesses and video footage after graffiti was discovered on the historic city walls in Chester.

Sometime between 3pm on Wednesday 7 January, and 1.30pm on Thursday 8 January, unknown offenders sprayed graffiti on Chester City Walls between Water Tower Gardens and Pemberton's Parlour. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone with any information to come forward.



Police Constable Jamie Ho, of Chester City Beat Team, said: *"Chester City Walls are a scheduled monument of national importance, as Britain's oldest, longest, and most complete circuit of defensive walls. The local authority works hard to maintain the walls, which attract thousands of people to our city every year, so it's disappointing to see that some people feel it's acceptable to spray them with graffiti. Enquiries are ongoing and I would urge anyone with any information in relation to the incident to come forward so the person responsible can be held accountable."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire police at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting 26000021314.

Appeal to trace wanted man linked to Warrington

Police are appealing for information to trace a wanted man with links to Warrington.

Thomas Quinn is wanted on recall to prison. The 41-year-old is described as a white male, 5'10", medium build, blue eyes, short dark brown hair,



moustache, and beard and an Irish accent. Quinn is linked to the Warrington area.

Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Thomas Quinn are asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or by calling 101 quoting IML-2248756.

Police release CCTV images following Chester City Centre phone thefts

Police have released CCTV images of two men they'd like to speak to following the theft of mobile phones in Chester.

Over the weekends of 6 December 2025 and 13 December 2025 there were eight reports of mobile phones being stolen from people on nights out in the city centre.



PC Darren Franks said: *"As part of our investigation into the thefts police are looking to speak with the two men pictured in the CCTV images. I'd urge anyone who recognises them to contact us so that we can progress with our enquiries."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or the [website](#) quoting 25001019939. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for witnesses and footage following fail-to-stop collision

Officers investigating a fail-to-stop collision in Poynton are appealing for witnesses and those with footage to come forward.

Shortly before 5.40pm on Friday 9 January 2026, police were called to reports of a collision on Park Lane, Poynton. The collision involved a vehicle and a pedestrian. The pedestrian, an 82-year-old woman, suffered a serious injury to her leg and was taken to hospital where she remains at this time. The vehicle failed to stop at the scene. A 28-year-old man has since been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and failing to stop. He has been released on bail.

Sergeant Iain Condliffe said: *"We are appealing for anyone who witnessed what happened and has not already spoken to police to please get in touch with us. This occurred at a busy time of day when there would have been a lot of traffic and footfall in the area. The same goes for anyone with any relevant CCTV or dashcam footage from around the time of the incident. You can report information to us by calling 101 or you can visit our website www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2248718."*

Appeal for information following rugby disorder

Detectives investigating disorder at the Halliwell Jones Stadium during the game between Warrington Wolves and Widnes Vikings are appealing for information and witnesses to come forward.

Police were called shortly after the match, at around 9.23pm on Friday 9 January, following reports that a large fight broke out on Dallam Lane, Warrington. A 17-year-old boy from Warrington sustained a serious head injury during the incident and is currently being treated at Warrington Hospital. Two 16-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy, all from Widnes, were subsequently arrested on suspicion of assault. They have since been released on bail, pending further enquiries.

Chief Inspector Robert McLoughlin, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"I understand that this incident has caused considerable concern for members of the local community and has tragically left a 17-year-old boy needing treatment for a serious head injury. Rugby League is a big part of the Warrington and Widnes culture, and the vast majority of fans attend to support their team and their community. However, in this instance, a select few chose to engage in behaviour which is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated, and I hope these arrests reassure residents that we are doing all we can to hold those involved accountable. I'd continue to urge anyone with any information which may assist detectives with their investigation, to please get in touch."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 2248844. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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