

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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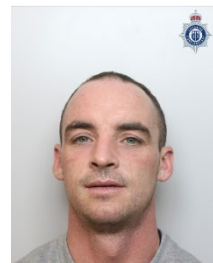
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#### **Merseyside man jailed following violent two-day rampage across Ellesmere Port**

A man from Merseyside has been jailed following a two-day rampage that saw him damage two properties and violently assault a man with a wine bottle.



Jonathan Hughes, 35, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Wednesday 20 May where he was sentenced to one year and four months in prison. Hughes, of Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal damage and assaulting a person causing actual bodily harm.

On Tuesday 2 December 2025, Hughes entered a shop in the Station Road area of Ellesmere Port. Once inside the property, he became aggressive with a staff member inside and then proceeded to damage a number of items in the public area of the store, including tables, chairs and a television. He then entered the staff area of the shop and went on to cause damage to a number of cooking appliances and electronic goods.

Following the incident, Hughes became involved in a verbal altercation with a 39-year-old man that resulted in the pair attending his address in the Westminster Road area of the town. This then escalated when Hughes made threatening comments towards the occupants, which resulted in the victim attempting to remove Hughes from the property. A scuffle ensued outside of the address where Hughes proceeded headbutt the victim, before going on to strike him over the head with a wine bottle and attempting to push its smashed bottle neck into his throat. Luckily another man who was present at the address at the time, intervened and Hughes fled the scene. However, this was not the end of the case.

The following afternoon, on Wednesday 3 December, Hughes returned to the address and began smashing several windows with a shovel. He fled and Cheshire Police were called to the scene by one of the occupants who had been inside at the time and had witnessed the incident. Hughes was arrested on Monday 12 December and taken into custody for questioning. Whilst he initially provided officers with no comment answers, he ultimately admitted to damaging the shop and smashing the windows of the address on Westminster Road.

He admitted to being involved in a physical altercation with the 39-year-old man but claimed this was done in self-defence as he was attacked first. He would later plead guilty to the offences ahead of going to trial. Alongside his custodial prison sentence, Hughes was handed a three-year Restraining Order.

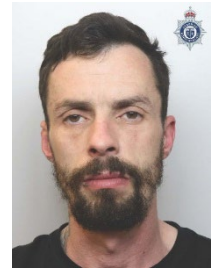
Detective Constable Jenni Potter, who led the investigation into Hughes, said: *"Jonathan Hughes caused an untold amount of damage and misery to a number of people following his two-day rampage across Ellesmere Port, so I welcome the fact that he is set to spend the next 16 months*

*behind bars - I hope the victims feel that they have received peace of mind and justice from this result. Even upon his release, which will not be until the latter half of 2027, Hughes will remain continually monitored under the terms of a three-year Restraining Order. Should he choose to break these terms upon his release, we will take swift action and will be promptly returned to our custody."*

### **Man jailed for multiple assaults and driving offences**

A man has been jailed for more than two-and-a-half years for multiple assaults and driving offences.

Dean Ode was sentenced to 32 months on Tuesday 19 May at Liverpool Crown Court for a variety of offences. The 35-year-old, of Beaulieu Avenue, Winsford, had pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm without intent and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.



For a separate case, Ode also pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking, using threatening or abusive words or behaviour, three counts of assaulting a police officer, three counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, criminal damage, failing to provide a specimen for analysis, driving without insurance, assault by beating, and driving without a licence. In July 2021, Ode had punched a female victim to the face during an argument. This caused a fracture to her cheekbone, and she needed to undergo surgery as a result. It was also reported that Ode had assaulted a child in January 2025, by slapping them to the back of the head and pushing them.

During a separate case, on 17 December 2025, a member of the public spotted a vehicle being driven erratically in Chelford Road, Henbury, heading towards Macclesfield. The car came to a stop after crashing into a wall and the member of the public, a man, went to check on the driver. The driver attempted to drive away but was stopped by the man who removed the keys from the ignition. The driver – identified as Ode – became aggressive towards the man and punched him to the head and attempted to kick him.

An ambulance passing by stopped to help and a paramedic tried to restrain Ode. Ode then punched the paramedic, causing facial injuries. An off-duty paramedic also tried to intervene but was assaulted when Ode grabbed hold of her arm. During one of the assaults, a victim's glasses were damaged. Police arrived on scene and Ode was swiftly arrested and taken to hospital to be checked over following the collision. He slapped and pushed one officer and attempted to headbutt another officer. He also spat at both of them. While in hospital, Ode refused to provide a sample of blood to be taken.

The registered keeper of the vehicle which Ode had been driving was identified and she confirmed that Ode had taken her vehicle without consent. On top of his custodial sentence, Ode is subject to restraining orders to protect the woman and child he assaulted in July 2021 and January 2025.

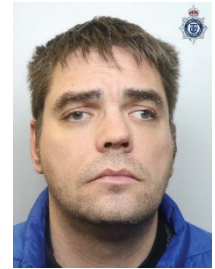
Detective Constable Connor McGregor said: *"Ode is clearly a volatile individual, assaulting not only a woman and a child, but also a passing member of the public who was trying to help him, paramedics, and police officers. No-one should be subjected to this kind of behaviour, and I hope the two victims in the first case are able to get some closure, knowing he is behind bars for his crimes.*

*This case also shows how seriously we take assaults on emergency workers, who do not deserve to be hit, kicked and spat at, just for doing their jobs and protecting the public. I welcome the custodial sentence handed to him for this catalogue of offences.”*

### **Crewe man jailed for online grooming**

A man who pretended to be a 15-year-old boy online in order to groom a teenage girl has been jailed.

Daniel Kennedy appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 22 May where he was sentenced to 13 months in prison, handed a 10-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order, and made to sign the sex offenders register. The 36-year-old of Crewe Road, Winterley, had earlier pleaded guilty of one count of engaging in sexual communication with a child.



The court heard how Kennedy initially contacted his victim in October 2024 via social media while posing as a 15-year-old boy. Following a number of conversations between the pair, he began to send the victim several indecent images and also encouraged the 15-year-old teenager to share images of herself. The activity came to light in December 2024 when the victim’s mum spotted her daughter looking at the images on her mobile phone and reported the matter to police. Following enquiries Kennedy was arrested in relation to the allegations and formally charged.

Detective Constable Simon Knowles said: *“Kennedy is a calculating, predatory offender, he purposefully posed as a teenage boy in order to groom his victim for his own sexual gratification. He was well aware that he victim was only a child, yet he sent her a number of indecent images. I would like to thank the victim and her family for the bravery and courage that they have shown, and I hope the sentence handed to Kennedy will provide them with some closure. This case is another reminder of the dangers posed to children online. We will continue to work with our partners and other forces to identify and apprehend offenders, while also educating families on steps they can take to keep their children safe online.*

*“For more information on staying safe online, visit [Online safety | Cheshire Constabulary](#)”*

### **Man charged following investigation into sexual offences in Widnes**

Officers investigating sexual offences in the town have charged a man.

Ian Tabron, of Bitteswell Court, Runcorn, was arrested on Tuesday 19 May and has since been charged with voyeurism. The 40-year-old has been bailed to appear at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday 23 June. The charges relate to an incident on Tuesday 19 May in the public changing rooms at Halton Leisure Centre on Moor Lane, Widnes.

### **Warrington men charged in connection to vehicle theft series**

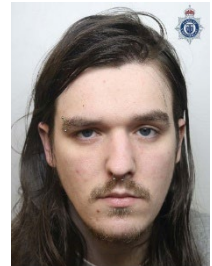
Two men from Warrington have been charged with numerous offences, including burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles.

Jayden Dooley, 20, and Joshua Lawrinson, 25, were both arrested on Thursday 21 May. Dooley, of Horrocks Lane, Bewsey and Whitecross, has since been charged with conspiracy to commit a burglary with intent to steal, conspiracy to steal a motor vehicle, escaping lawful custody and assaulting of an emergency worker. Lawrinson, of Arpley Street, Bewsey and Whitecross, has been charged with conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal and conspiracy to steal a motor vehicle. The pair have been remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 22 May. The charges relate to a series of burglaries committed across Warrington between 19 April 2026 and 17 May 2026.

### **Chester man jailed for rape and sexual assault offences**

A man from Chester has been jailed for six years after raping and sexually assaulting a woman following a night out.

Declan Marno appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 19 May where he was sentenced to six years imprisonment. 24-year-old Marno, of Peckforton Way, Chester, had previously pleaded guilty to one count of rape and one count of sexual assault.



On Friday 4 April 2025, when Cheshire Police were contacted via 101 by the victim in this case, an 18-year-old woman, who reported that on Friday 28 March she had been orally raped and sexually assaulted by Marno, who had joined her and a group of friends on a night out in Chester city centre. The victim went on to say that following the night out, the group returned to the address of the victim's friend, where it was agreed that Marno and the victim would sleep on opposite ends of a sofa overnight.

At some point during in the night, Marno pulled down the victim's shirt and sexually assaulted her before going on to orally rape her. The victim passed out during the incident, however, the following morning she challenged the behaviour of Marno, telling him she remembered what he had done. Marno admitted to the assault and the oral rape and, following the victims' bravery in contacting Cheshire Police, he was arrested and taken into custody. However, he gave officers a pre-written statement denying any wrongdoing and refused to answer any questions put to him. Despite this, he pleaded guilty to the offences at his first appearance in court in February 2026.

Detective Constable Emma Flanagan, of CID Reactive West, said: *"I cannot imagine how traumatising this experience will have been for the victim, a young woman who had enjoyed a night out in the city centre surrounded by people whom she believed she could trust to look out for her. Declan Marno abused this trust and acted upon his own selfish desires in the pursuit of sexual gratification, preying on her when she was at her most vulnerable and not once taking her feelings, wishes or consent into consideration. Whilst sadly, nothing can be done to turn back the clock on what has happened, I do hope that now Marno has been held accountable for his actions and has been put behind bars for the next six years, the victim can begin the process of healing.*

*"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her for the bravery and strength she has shown throughout this entire investigation. Having to recount what had happened to her will have been an*

*emotionally challenging endeavour, yet it was her evidence that proved vital in us securing this conviction against her attacker and getting her the justice she deserved."*

Alongside his custodial prison sentence, Declan Marno has also been placed on the Sex Offenders Register indefinitely.

### **Investigation launched following fatal house fire in Nantwich**

Police have launched an investigation following the death of a man at an address in Nantwich.

Police and fire attended the scene and on arrival they found a fire in a residential property which was quickly extinguished by firefighters. Sadly, a man, believed to be in his 60s, was found deceased in the property. His next of kin have been informed. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, and the death is currently being treated as unexplained. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and a cordon is currently in place at the scene.

Detective Sergeant George Booth, of Crewe CID, said: *"Our thoughts are with the family of the deceased at the current time, and we request for their privacy to be respected at this difficult time. Enquires in relation to the incident remain ongoing and I would ask local residents not to speculate while we establish exactly what has taken place."*

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) quoting IML-2332030.

### **Man jailed for sexual assault in Ellesmere Port**

A man who sexually assaulted a teenage girl has been sentenced.

Md Muhon, of Oldfield Road, Ellesmere Port, was jailed for 26 weeks at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 18 May. The 31-year-old had previously been found guilty of sexual assault.



Police received reports of a man who had touched a 16-year-old girl in Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, at around 3.15pm on Saturday 21 March 2026. It was reported that the man had approached the girl, who had been sat on a wall, before sitting down beside her. He then touched the girl's thigh and lower back over clothing, before asking how old she was. The girl then left and police were called. Officers attended the area and the man was identified as Muhon, who was still present at the scene. He was subsequently arrested.

PC Parry said: *"Officers swiftly attended the scene of this incident and Muhon was quickly arrested and charged. We understand the concern these incidents cause in the community and we hope the conclusion of this case and subsequent sentence passed by the court will reassure residents of how seriously we take offences of this nature."*

### **Man charged following incident in Warrington**

A man in Warrington has been charged following an incident in the town centre.

Neil Howarth was arrested on Monday 18 May following reports of a man with a knife at Golden Square shopping centre. The 53-year-old of Leonard Street, Warrington, has since been charged with affray and possession of an offensive weapon. Howarth has been remanded/bailed to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 20 May.

### **Police working with partners to keep Chester safe this summer**

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary are working with pubs, bars and partners throughout the summer months to ensure Chester is safe for everyone to visit and enjoy.

With the lighter nights now here and race season about to start, police have launched the Keeping Chester Safe – With you. For you campaign to remind the public that Chester is a safe place to visit, and support is on hand if you need it. Working with key partners including venues and licensing, officers will be visible across the city and proactively tackling drugs, disorderly behaviour and violence against women and girls (VAWG) to ensure everyone feels safe during their night out. Resource packs will be handed out to pubs and bars which includes signposting and advice on how to stay safe and get support if you need it.

Inspector James Wilson, from Chester's Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: *"Chester is a safe city to visit and has a vibrant and popular night-time economy, particularly at weekends, during race days and across the summer months. From venue queues and transport routes to fast food outlets and pubs, officers are working with door staff, bar teams and businesses to ensure those enjoying a night out in Chester are kept safe.*

*"Our message is clear. Women and girls should feel safe when attending the city - and police and partners are working together to provide accessible support, including Ask for Angela, discreet materials in licensed premises and information about how to report concerns or seek help.*

*"Drugs will not be tolerated, and we run regular enforcement operations with partners to target these offences. There will also be visible patrols and enforcement action targeting alcohol fuelled disorder and anti-social behaviour. We want people to enjoy their time in the city and ask everyone to play their part in that. Look out for one another, report concerns and treat others with respect. Anyone who feels unsafe or witnesses concerning behaviour is encouraged to speak to venue staff, approach officers on patrol, or report concerns via normal police channels."*

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### **Man jailed for drug dealing in Chester**

A man from Blacon has been jailed after he pleaded guilty to drug dealing in Chester.

Alfie Parker appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 18 May, where he pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of class B drugs (ketamine). The 27-year-old, of Stamford Road, Blacon,



was sentenced to 27 months in prison and ordered to pay £228 surcharge. The court heard how Parker was already well known to police due to his previous offending.

On Friday 17 April, officers were on patrol in Blacon when they spotted Parker acting suspiciously on Graham Road. Parker attempted to evade officers, by running onto the driveway of a nearby property and jumping over a garden fence. Despite his best efforts, he was quickly located, hiding between two wheelie bins in a nearby garden.

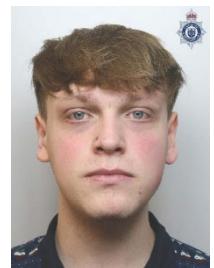
Parker was arrested at the scene, and during a search of the area officers located a bundle of cash hidden behind the wheelie bin, along with a black glasses case, which contained numerous individually wrapped bags of cocaine and a small amount of ketamine. In total the cocaine was valued at £3,520 cash, and the ketamine was valued at £20. Following his arrest Parker was later charged with drugs offences.

Following the sentencing Police Constable Giorgia Sharkey said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Parker and I hope it acts as a warning to others looking to deal drugs in Chester. Illegal drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, and we're committed to doing all we can to ensure those responsible are held accountable. While Parker is now behind bars, our fight against criminals continues and I would appeal to anyone who has any information about illegal activity taking place in their communities to contact us on 101, or at [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), and we will do the rest."*

### **Man jailed for sex offences including outraging public decency on a bus**

A man has been jailed for sex offences including outraging public decency on a Warrington to Widnes bus.

James Taylor, 24, from Penny Lane, Liverpool appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 15 May to be sentenced after pleading guilty to three counts of outraging public decency, two counts of sexual activity in the presence of a child, three counts of making indecent images of children, and one count of possession of indecent images. He was sentenced to 27 months in prison.



Taylor came to police attention following an investigation into reports that a man had been masturbating in full view of two teenage boys in Widnes on 8 May 2024. The suspect was seen to get off the 110 bus and a CCTV trawl identified the suspect, but not his identity. A witness appeal and then a CCTV appeal were issued to the media and posted on social media to find the identity of the suspect. Taylor commented on his own CCTV media appeal to say he'd not seen anyone acting suspiciously on the bus which he regularly gets on.

He was subsequently identified through the partial logo on his work's fleece, and his identity confirmed, leading to his arrest on 29 May 2025. He had his phones seized on which officers discovered he had been filming himself in public masturbating and describing his crimes to an unidentified man in messages as 'risky w\*\*ks'. He also told the man he'd been caught in the act a few times, including by children, and asked if that could get him in trouble.

Officers discovered numerous videos of him masturbating in unknown public areas and at his workplace in Warrington. Three videos showed him on a bus: two on 17 April 2019, one on 14 June 2019, and one on 28 June 2019. They also discovered an indecent image of child, and he was further arrested for this on 18 December 2024. More digital devices were seized including two phones, a laptop and memory cards. They were interrogated resulting in the discovery of 36 indecent images dated from between 17 February 2019 and 19 December 2024. There were four category A images, 11 category B images and 21 category C images.

DC Phil Jackson said: *“Taylor asked the unidentified man in his messages if he could get into trouble if he’d been seen carrying out a sexual act, especially in front of children. I think he has his answer now – all 27 months of it. Everyone should be able to get on a bus or go about their business without having to risk the ordeal of having to witness his perverted behaviour. Our investigation led to us uncovering the level of his worrying, and clearly illegal behaviour, which is why it’s vital you report this type of crime to police.”*

Anyone who witnesses this type of sexual crime should contact Cheshire Police on 999 if it’s an ongoing crime, or 101 or online if the suspect is no longer in the area.

### **Woman sentenced following campaign of harassment against former partner**

A woman who harassed her former partner and his new girlfriend has been sentenced after subjecting them to a campaign of abusive messages and threats.

Michelle Boyd, of Pulford Close, Kingsmead, Northwich, was sentenced to six months suspended for two years during a hearing at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 18 May. Boyd was originally charged with stalking involving serious alarm and distress. Instead, the court accepted Boyd’s guilty plea to two counts of harassment without violence.

The 52-year-old was a former Inspector at Cheshire Constabulary. The investigation was managed by the Harm Reduction Unit. The Harm Reduction Unit is a specialist stalking risk management service delivered by Cheshire Constabulary in conjunction with Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and the Probation Service.

Between March 2022 and December 2023, Boyd repeatedly harassed the victim - her former partner – by sending a large number of abusive and unpleasant messages. This included around 500 emails. Even when she was asked to stop by solicitors instructed by the victim, she continued with her behaviour. Boyd also turned her attention to the victim’s new partner, bombarding her with messages on social media, which became threatening at times. She also approached the woman’s employer and told them lies about her to try and impact her career and reputation. Whenever Boyd saw the two victims in public, she would take photographs of them and send them back to them, making derogatory comments. The incidents were reported to police in December 2023, resulting in Boyd’s arrest.

When her phone was analysed, evidence showed Boyd had contacted Crimestoppers anonymously with false information which had led to her former partner being stopped by police, believing him to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs – this was not the case. Messages showed Boyd also

tried to intimidate the two victims by using her position within Cheshire Constabulary to her advantage, claiming that officers would be monitoring their movements – this was not true.

Boyd also breached her bail conditions during the court process. She had been bailed by the court following her guilty pleas on 13 February 2026 and one of the conditions was not to publish any material on social media referring to the ongoing case or the victims. She breached the condition within days, using social media to post comments relating to the victims. On top of her sentence, Boyd was handed restraining orders prohibiting her from contacting the victims in this case.

Following the sentencing, DS Nichola McClellan from Cheshire Police's Harm Reduction Unit said: *"The lengths Boyd went to in order to belittle the victims in this case and make their lives a misery was staggering. She made false claims about them to try and ruin their reputations, even going to one of their employers with malicious lies and sending them a tirade of abuse, all for her own personal gain. No-one should be subjected to this kind of behaviour and if you have been subjected to anything similar, please report it to us by calling 101 or by visiting our website."*

DI Jude Edwards from Cheshire Police's Safeguarding Governance Unit added: *"As this case demonstrates, just because you are a police officer, it does not mean you are above the law, and it is no excuse for this type of behaviour. Boyd tried to exploit her position to threaten the victims, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for coming forward and reporting these incidents to us. Whether you are reporting criminal matters or ones of misconduct, we take these extremely seriously and will always investigate every report thoroughly."*

During the investigation, an Accelerated Misconduct Hearing was held against Boyd for unrelated matters. During this hearing, it was determined she had a case to answer for Gross Misconduct and would have been dismissed had she not already resigned.

Senior Crown Prosecutor Joseph Woodyatt of CPS Mersey-Cheshire added: *"After Michelle Boyd separated from her partner, she became hostile towards him. From 1 March 2022 until 30 December 2023, she conducted a campaign of spying and online abuse towards him and his new partner. In hundreds of emails and messages over 18 months, the campaign was cruel, relentless and vindictive. She threatened to destroy their reputations and careers. The language used was vile and offensive."*

*"Boyd was a serving police officer at the time of her offending and should have known far better than to act in the way that she did. Her prosecution is an important reminder that this targeted and offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. The trauma suffered by the victims will be long lasting and the CPS hopes that the justice delivered against Boyd will enable them to move on from the suffering they have been subjected to."*

### **Derbyshire man sentenced for drug dealing at Creamfields**

A man from Derbyshire has been sentenced after he admitted attempting to supply class A drugs at a music festival in Cheshire.

George Redshaw appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 18 May where he was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for two years. The 32-year-old of Park Road, Newhall, Swadlincote,

Derbyshire, had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine). He was also ordered to pay £150 court costs and £187 surcharge.

The court heard how on Saturday 24 August 2024, Redshaw was attempting to enter Creamfields Music Festival via the South entrance when he was picked out by a drugs dog. He was taken to a search tent area where he admitted to officers that he was in possession of 18 packets of cocaine which were secreted inside an insect zapper. During questioning Redshaw claimed that the drugs were all for personal use. However, following charge, he later admitted possession with intent to supply.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Tony Icke, who led the investigation, said: *“Year after year, we issue multiple warnings telling revellers not to bother trying to bring drugs into Creamfields. Yet despite these warnings, there are always some people who think that they won’t be caught. Unfortunately, Redshaw was one of those people, he thought that police would never be able to find the drugs in his insect zapper, but he was wrong.*

*“So let this be a warning, while a large majority of Creamfields festivalgoers are respectful, those smuggling drugs into the event will be charged and dealt with by the courts. Do not make the same mistake as Redshaw, or next time it might be you in court.”*

### **Three people charged following aggravated burglary in Warrington.**

Detectives investigating an aggravated burglary in Warrington have now charged three people in relation to the incident.

Shortly before 11pm on Wednesday 13 May, police were called to reports of a disturbance at an address on Fairbrother Crescent, Poplars and Hulme. Officers attended the scene and found that unknown offenders had forced entry into the address and assaulted the 56-year-old occupant. The man suffered serious head injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment and has since been discharged.

Following enquiries, three people were later arrested in relation to the incident. Jeffrey Garnett, 48, of Evington, Tanhouse, Skelmesdale; Nicholas Palmer, 42, of Colwyn Close, Callands, Warrington; and Veronica Walsh, 52, of Darfield, Up Holland, have all been charged with aggravated burglary.

Walsh has also been charged with section 18 assault and assault. All three Defendants have appeared at Chester Magistrates Court where they were remanded in custody. They are next set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 15 June.

### **Man charged with multiple child sexual offences in Widnes**

A man has been charged with multiple child sexual offences.

Ryan Caine, of Deacon Road, Widnes, has been charged with 16 offences, including causing a child to engage in sexual activity, making indecent images of children, and engaging in sexual communications with a child. The charges relate to an investigation into offences involving six

victims. The 23-year-old has since been bailed to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 7 July.

### **Chester man jailed for domestic abuse against former partner**

A man from Chester has been jailed for domestic abuse offences against his former partner.

Hezekiah Perks appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 8 May where he was sentenced to three years and six months in prison. The 38-year-old of Tattenhall Lane, Chester, had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and perverting the course of justice. Perks was arrested in May 2025 following an incident where he physically assaulted the victim.



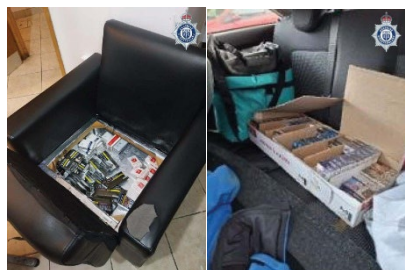
Following his arrest, the victim bravely disclosed to police how she was subject to a relentless campaign of abuse from Perks, who was controlling and jealous. He would regularly control who the victim was allowed to see and speak to, isolating her from her family and friends. He even contacted her place of work in a bid to control who she spent time with. He was subsequently charged with the offences following a police investigation.

Police Constable Lauren Townson said: *"The victim had been subjected to abusive, violent and intimidating behaviour but bravely fought back by giving a full account to police of the horrific behaviour she was subjected to by a man who was supposed to love her. No one should be treated this way in any relationship, and I would like to commend her for her bravery in coming forward. I hope she can now rebuild her life and move on from this truly traumatic experience."*

### **Four stores targeted as part of ongoing efforts to tackle Organised Immigration Crime.**

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary's Exploitation Team joined forces with Trading Standards, Immigration Enforcement and Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service on Thursday 14 May as part of ongoing efforts to tackle Organised Immigration Crime.

Operation Accommodate was led by Detective Sergeant Andrew Manson, of the Western Exploitation Team at Cheshire Police, and as part of the operation the team targeted four stores in Chester and Neston which were suspected of being linked to Organised Immigration Crime. The



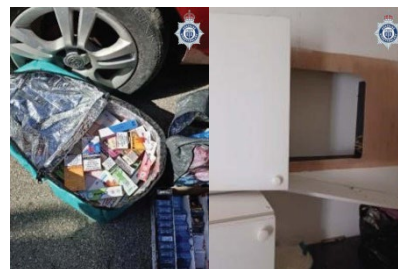
team were also assisted by a specialist Tobacco Detection Dog, who helped locate over 11,000 counterfeit and illegal cigarettes, many of which were hidden in sophisticated concealment hides.

These included Local Station Off Licence, on Brook Street, Chester, where officers recovered over 7,000 illegal cigarettes; Easy Go Vapes, on Delamere Street, Chester, where over 1,200 illegal cigarettes were seized and King Vape Mini Market, on High Street, Neston, where the tobacco dog helped locate over 3,000 illegal cigarettes. All of these products were subsequently seized by officers and will be destroyed. Trading Standards colleagues are now seeking closure orders on two of the premises.

Detective Sergeant Andy Mason, of the Western Exploitation Team, said: *“As a result of this operation we’ve recovered well over 11,000 fake cigarettes from three stores, which will have considerably disrupted the efforts of those looking to benefit from criminal activity. We work hard to tackle criminals operating in our communities and this operation demonstrates just some of the work we do all year round to keep our residents and vulnerable people safe.*

*“We have seen links between the sale of these illicit substances and organised immigration crime and modern slavery offences, which is why we are committed to doing all we can to identify those involved. 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.”*

Sceptre is set to launch today, Monday 18 May, as part of a national campaign aiming to reduce the impact of knife crime in our communities. The most recent crime stats have shown a 12% reduction in knife crime across Cheshire and the force is working hard to ensure the downward trend continues.



As part of this year’s campaign officers will be visiting schools across the county to educate young people about the dangers of knife crime. They will also be conducting test purchases at retail stores, as well as educating retailers on the correct laws and regulations that prevent blades falling into the wrong hands. Residents will also have a number of opportunities to safely dispose of any knives, bladed weapons and knuckle dusters into designated surrender points across the county. Other activities during the operation will include community knife sweeps, engagement in the community, as well as an increased visible policing presence to provide reassurance.

Chief Inspector Joe McNally, the lead for Knife Crime at Cheshire Constabulary, said: *“While knife crime in Cheshire remains comparatively low when compared to other forces in England and Wales, we will not become complacent, and we remain committed to doing all we can to tackle the issue. With that in mind, Sceptre is an excellent opportunity for us to highlight the outstanding level of work undertaken by our officers and staff on a daily basis to help keep Cheshire weapons free.*



*“Our officers will be engaging with the county’s retailers who have a crucial role to play in ensuring these potentially dangerous and lethal weapons do not fall into the wrong hands. We’ll also be visiting schools across the county to educate our young people about the dangers of knife crime and dispel the myth that you need to carry a knife in order to feel safe. When someone chooses to carry a knife, it is only a matter of time before they, or someone else, sustains a life-changing or fatal injury. If you choose to carry a knife, you are much more likely to be involved in knife crime.*

*“When it comes to issues as serious as knife crime, it is so important that everyone feels that they can come forward to us with any issues, so we can take swift and immediate action, so, over the course of this week, we will also be working with our partner organisations, including local authorities, charities, third-sector organisations, youth representatives and community groups as we continue to keep Cheshire a hostile environment for anyone who chooses to pick up a blade.”*

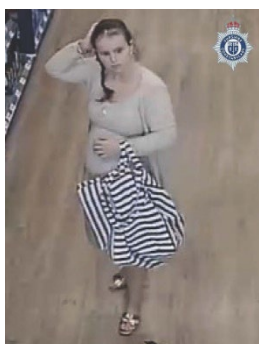
## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### CCTV images released following shoplifting in Warrington

Police have released CCTV images following a shoplifting incident in Warrington.

At around 4.25pm on Saturday 9 May, two suspects – a man and a woman - entered the Morrisons store in Greenalls Avenue, Latchford, Warrington. They subsequently left the store without paying for various health and beauty items, including approximately £400 of Nicorette patches and a number of electric toothbrushes. Officers have now released images of two individuals they would like to speak to.

Suspect 1



Suspect 2



Tina Jackson, of Crime Hub North, said: *“Shoplifting and retail crime is one of our priorities and we are committed to tackling this issue head-on. We would urge anyone who knows the identify of those in the images to please get in touch with us. We are also appealing directly to those pictured to contact us. You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or visiting [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) quoting 26000367656.”*

### Appeal for witnesses following Macclesfield assault.

Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault in Macclesfield.

Sometime between midnight and 2am on Monday 20 April a man was assaulted in the area between Samuel Street, Park Green and Park Lane. The man was attacked by two men and was taken to hospital with facial injuries. One of the suspects was potentially in his thirties to forties with blond hair.

Police Constable Grace Chapman said: *“The victim was concussed from the assault, but he can remember that there were plenty of people around at the time. One of them will have called an ambulance for the victim. I’d urge anyone who was there that night and who saw the assault take place, and whoever called the ambulance, to get in touch to help us find those responsible for this violent attack.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website ([www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us)) quoting 26000309417. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Appeal for information following serious collision in Cheshire

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision on the M56 in Cheshire.

Shortly after 5pm on Monday 18 May, police were called to reports of an incident near Stretton. On arrival officers found there had been a collision between a HGV and four cars, a blue BMW 325i, a grey Toyota Yaris, a dark blue Ford Focus, and a black Tesla. The driver of the BMW, a 43-year-old local woman, sustained serious injuries and was taken to the Royal Salford Hospital.

A front seat passenger from the BMW also suffered serious injuries. The 52-year-old local man was airlifted to the Royal Salford Hospital. Their injuries are not believed to be life threatening, and they are both currently in a stable condition.

Following the collision the eastbound carriageway of the M56 was closed between junction 10, Stretton, and junction 9, M6 Interchange, while investigation work was undertaken at the scene. The road reopened at around 12.30am on Tuesday 19 May.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any video footage, is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or at [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) quoting IML-2331295.

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