

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Duo sentenced after defrauding elderly family member out of thousands of pounds

A mother and son have been sentenced after defrauding an elderly family member out of more than £8,000.

Robbie and Linda Walkden, both of Perrins Road, Burtonwood and Westbrook, Warrington, were sentenced on Wednesday 7 October at Liverpool Crown Court, after each admitting one count of conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation. Robbie, 36, was sentenced to two years in prison, while Linda, 68, was sentenced to 18 months, suspended for 24 months.



Robbie was previously jailed for fraud against the same victim in 2021. Following this, Robbie and Linda rekindled their relationship with the victim in early 2023, and began seeing her on a regular basis. Linda would help the victim by going shopping for her and therefore had her bank card. From June 2023, purchases and cash withdrawals were made using this card, but in September 2023, the victim no longer received any post and was unsure why. Her bills then began to bounce. The victim made contact with her power of attorney who spoke to Linda about the issue. Linda lied and told her that the victim had been spending a lot of money.

In March 2024, the victim had a fall and was taken to hospital and during the weeks she was in hospital, £2,267 had been taken from her bank account. Linda had also been in hospital at the same time. When the victim had another fall and returned to hospital in April 2024, the hospital raised safeguarding concerns regarding Robbie and Linda to the power of attorney, who subsequently requested bank statements. She later discovered approximately £8,500 had been taken from the victim's bank account, all while the victim did not have access to her bank card and did not give permission for anyone to use it. The bank has since refunded the fraudulent transactions.

This was reported to police, and it was found that within the bank statements was a payment to a company which changes your registered address for post for a one-off fee which explained why the victim was not receiving her postal bank statements. The post was instead being diverted to a new address, email and phone number. These were registered to Robbie. During the investigation, the victim sadly passed away in June 2024. Due to the circumstances, PC Lynskey of the Warrington Area Investigation Team continued the investigation with the support of the victim's wider family.

In July 2024, Linda and Robbie were arrested and interviewed in relation to the allegations. Linda claimed the victim had often shopped online and was an impulsive buyer. Robbie admitted to some of the transactions but stated this was never fraudulent and the victim gave him permission. However, this was proven to be untrue. Despite their excuses, they were later charged with the offences.

PC Lynskey said: *"The two offenders exploited a vulnerable victim during the last years of her life. While she was sadly unable to see the outcome of this case, we hope her family can take comfort in knowing that those responsible have now been held accountable for their actions."*

Merseyside man jailed following two-and-a-half-year stalking ordeal

A man from Merseyside has been jailed for stalking and harassing a woman for nearly three years.

Craig Long appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 2 October, where he was sentenced to three years imprisonment and handed an indefinite restraining order against the victim in this case. Long, of Merlin Road, Merseyside, had previously pleaded guilty to stalking involving serious harm and distress ahead of going to trial. The court was told that between February 2022 and September 2024, the victim, a 38-year-old woman, was subjected to several prolonged episodes of unwanted sexualised texts and phone calls by an unknown man.



During these episodes, the victim would be contacted multiple times a day and asked to meet the man for sexual intercourse. It was also reported that the man was touching himself inappropriately whilst on the phone to her. He would also tell her that he knew where she worked, which resulted in her having to leave her job for her own safety. Despite giving no information about himself, a number of clues that pointed toward Long being the caller were identified from the phone calls and text messages that the victim had received and had subsequently kept. In one of the text messages, the man had asked the victim to meet him in a car park for sexual intercourse - enquires would later uncover that this car park was very close to Long's address. As well as this, when his identity was challenged, the man on the phone suggested that he and the victim had a connection, providing the victim with the initials of his current partner. These initials lined up with a person the victim knew of and that she knew was in currently in a relationship with Craig Long.

Long was arrested in April 2024, however he refused to answer any questions put to him by officers. He was subsequently released on bail, with strict conditions not to contact the victim. Following Long's arrest, there came a five-month period in which the victim stopped receiving the explicit calls and text messages. However, in September 2024, another unknown number began calling her, with her reporting that she could hear a man breathing heavily down the phone. Long would subsequently be charged with the offences in July 2025. Enquiries into the mobile phone numbers used to contact the victim resulted in officers finding no stored data, with it being believed that Long had purchased SIM cards with the intention of them only being used to contact the victim.

In a statement read at court, the victim explained that her mental health had been severely impacted by a man who, prior to the phone calls beginning, she had never had any contact with before and that she was now a different person as a result. She went on to say that she had taken additional steps to secure her home, as she feared the possibility that the man contacting her would turn up at her address and that her personal life and relationships with loved ones had been severely affected by his persistent and unwanted contact.

Following sentencing, Police Constable Yzanne Baty, who lead the investigation into Long's offending, said: *"Craig Long targeted an innocent woman and subjected her to a barrage of*

disgusting messages and phone calls over a period of nearly three years, despite him being in a relationship himself and having no personal connection to the victim he preyed upon. Despite being clearly told no on several occasions, he refused to take rejection as the answer and instead doubled down, going to great lengths to remain in contact with the victim by obtaining a number of SIM cards at his own personal expense that would only be used to when he wanted to contact her.

“Long treated this as a game, dropping cryptic clues as to his identity and to how much information he knew about his victim whilst in the pursuit of his warped fantasies. What was a game to him has had a devastating impact on the woman he relentlessly targeted. She believed he could around any corner at any given moment, leading her to take considerable steps through at home security to keep her and her family safe from harm.

“I have no doubt that this has been a deeply challenging experience for the victim in this case, as she has had to relive the horrific events she was subjected to during our investigation and then again in court. With that said, it has been her bravery in coming forward, providing us with the vital evidence we needed, that was absolutely paramount in securing this conviction. I would like to express my sincerest thanks to her and I hope that now she can begin her journey of healing, safe in the knowledge that against the man who made her life a misery for nearly three years is facing justice for his crimes.”

County lines dealer from Skelmersdale jailed for drugs offences in Ellesmere Port

A county lines dealer from Skelmersdale who travelled to Cheshire to deal illegal drugs in Ellesmere Port has been jailed.

Joseph Barker appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 7 October where he was sentenced to three years and four months in prison. The 21-year-old of Edgerton, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale, had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs and two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs.



The investigation began in September 2026 when officers received intelligence suggesting that the home of a vulnerable resident in Ellesmere Port had been ‘cuckooed’ and was being used as a base by a county lines drug dealer. Officers attended the address on Monday 7 September, to check that the occupant was safe and well. On arrival there was no response, so officers entered the property to ensure the occupant had not come to harm. Inside the property, officers discovered a vast array of drugs paraphernalia and weapons, along with a quantity of heroin and crack cocaine.

While they were inside the address, officers heard the door open and Barker initially began to enter but fled on foot after spotting the officers. He was quickly detained following a short foot chase, and during a search he was found in possession of £465 cash along with the keys to the address in Ellesmere Port and a personal mobile phone. Barker was also seen swallowing a small mobile phone, which was also later recovered. During analysis of the device, officers recovered a number of flare messages advertising the sale of crack cocaine and heroin in the Ellesmere Port area.

Analysis of his personal device also showed that he was regularly travelling between Ellesmere Port and Merseyside, where he is likely to have collected the illegal drugs. Barker remained silent

throughout his interview and refused any legal advice. Despite his silence, he was later charged with being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin, and two counts of possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Following the sentencing, Detective Sergeant Tom Philpotts, of Ellesmere Port Proactive CID said: *“I welcome the sentence handed to Barker; he is clearly a callous criminal who purposefully travelled to Ellesmere Port to exploit a vulnerable man in order to profit from drug dealing. Illegal drugs can have a devastating impact on not only drug users, but the community around them.*

“Here in Ellesmere Port, we are doing all we can to stop drug activity on our streets to make the town a safer place to live and visit while also making it extremely difficult for these gangs to operate. However, this is not an issue that we can tackle alone, and I want to take this opportunity to urge residents to keep spotting the signs of vulnerability. Keep an eye out if they feel something isn’t right and report it to us on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. We will always act on any information we receive, and I would urge anyone who believes this activity is happening near to them, to get in touch.”

Cheshire Constabulary to deploy Live Facial Recognition technology in Warrington

Cheshire Constabulary will be deploying Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology in Warrington on Friday 9 October, marking the first use of the LFR van in the town.

The deployment aims to support the ongoing work of officers in identifying individuals who are wanted by police, outstanding suspects, or those who pose a risk of harm to the public. LFR allows officers to be alerted in real-time if a person on a specific, pre-approved watchlist passes through the area being scanned. During the deployment, officers will be available to speak with members of the public, local businesses, and community groups to explain the technology, listen to concerns, and offer reassurance about the safeguards in place.

Strict privacy, data protection and human rights safeguards will be in place for every LFR deployment. Only images of individuals on a pre-approved watchlist are used by the system, and any biometric data of passers-by who do not match a person on that list is automatically and immediately deleted. Officers reviewing any potential matches must also confirm the identity before any action is taken. Cheshire Police will be clearly signposting the use of the technology throughout the town centre, including visible signs around the area and information shared online. Officers will also be available throughout the day to answer questions from residents, business owners, and visitors.

Chief Inspector Joe McNally, who is overseeing the deployment, said: *“Keeping residents safe is at the heart of everything we do, and LFR is another tool that can help us locate people who may pose a risk to the public. This first deployment in Warrington town centre will help us better understand how the technology works in a local context and how it can support our officers in preventing crime, locating wanted individuals and keeping communities safe. We know that people understandably have questions about how LFR works, so we will be on hand throughout the day to explain the process, what the technology does and importantly what it doesn’t do. It does not store images of the general public, it does not track people, and it is not used for mass surveillance. The system only alerts officers to individuals who are already wanted for specific offences. This first deployment is*

not simply about our technology, it's about engaging with the public, improving safety, and being transparent about the tools we use to protect our communities."

Members of the public can find more information about Live Facial Recognition on [the Constabulary's website](#), including details on how the technology works and the safeguards that govern its use.

Newest four-legged crime fighters welcomed to the force

Cheshire Constabulary have welcomed Police Dogs Vinny and Nora to the ranks of the force.

Although still yet to attend their official training, 19-week old Malinois puppies Vinny and Nora are firmly settling into the force with their new handlers. The pair were kindly donated to the Constabulary by Cheshire Dogs Home after their mum arrived as a pregnant stray. The home took her and nursed her as she birthed the litter. Cheshire's Dog Unit has an exemplary reputation for the training of PD's, with the kennel hands and handlers dedicating their days to the welfare of the dogs.



As Chief Constable Mark Roberts approaches his retirement, it seemed fitting to offer him the opportunity to name a future PD leader as a parting gift, choosing Vinny. His sister has been named Nora in a fitting tribute to the Cheshire's first ever police dog that joined the Constabulary in 1951. Vinny and Nora will now begin a detailed puppy development programme led by our Dog Unit instructors with the support of our experienced kennel hands and their handlers PC Alice Jones and PC Matt Richards. The aim is for the pair to be assessed for operational deployment in late 2027.

Inspector Nick Bamber said: *"There is a lot of background work that goes into adopting puppies to welcome into the dog unit, ensuring that the welfare of the dogs is looked after, and that they are right for the Constabulary. When we were given the opportunity to adopt these two puppies, of course we jumped at the chance. Cheshire Dogs Home does an amazing job at looking after the dogs that find themselves in their care, so we knew their health wouldn't be a question. On meeting them, it was clear these two stand every chance of becoming successful PDs. Vinny and Nora have now settled in with their handlers, particularly Nora who is getting on perfectly with her handlers other PD, Conan. The duo will be closely monitored as they grow, ensuring that remaining as a police dog is what is right for them, and when the time is right, they will enter full PD training before eventually becoming deployable. I'd like to thank Cheshire Dog's Home for raising them and doing such a good job of looking after them until they have come over to ourselves."*

Man jailed for breach of Sexual Harm Prevention Order

A man from Crewe has been jailed for breaching a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Thomas Beswick appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 6 October, where he was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. The sentencing comes after Beswick pleaded guilty to breaching a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO). The court heard that in 2022, Beswick was handed a ten-year SHPO as part of



sentencing for a previous offence. Under the terms of the order, Beswick was prohibited from remaining in any address where a child under 16 was present without the expressed approval of Social Services.

On Sunday 4 October, officers received a call from a woman stating that she wanted to report Beswick for breaching the order imposed upon him. She went on to tell officers that she had befriended the 25-year-old in 2025, prior to the birth of her baby. The pair had become friends and Beswick had attended her baby shower, other family events and had even helped with childcare. The woman further disclosed that Beswick had not informed her that he was under the restrictions of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, having found out second-hand, and then immediately called police. He was arrested by officers shortly after and taken into custody, where he answered no comment to all questions put to him.

PC Clark, of Crewe's Sex Offender Management Unit said: *"Sexual Harm Prevention Orders are put in place to protect the public from dangerous offenders. Beswick's lack of honesty to inform the woman he had befriended of his order, and his decision to visit her at her home whilst knowing her young child would also be present, put both the mother and child at risk. Officers from the Crewe Sex Offender Management Unit took swift action in locating and arresting Beswick before remanding him in custody and putting him before the courts where he received an immediate custodial sentence."*

Children challenge speeding drivers in powerful Nantwich road safety initiative

Drivers caught speeding outside a Nantwich primary school were given the opportunity to hear first-hand how their actions affect local children as part of a powerful Cheshire Police road safety initiative.

Officers joined pupils from Stapley Broad Lane Primary School and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service on Thursday 1 October for 'The Kids Are Watching', an initiative designed to tackle speeding through education and reflection as well as enforcement. Speeding motorists were stopped by officers and invited to speak with pupils, who asked a series of challenging questions, including: "Why were you speeding?", "Is where you were going more important than my life?" and "How would you feel if a police officer knocked on your door and told you your loved one wasn't coming home because of a speeding driver?" The aim was to encourage motorists to think about the real-life consequences of speeding and the impact it can have on families and communities.

<https://youtu.be/aJyjRLIXgPQ>

PC Millie Smith, from Nantwich Beat Team said: *"The 'Kids Are Watching' initiative gives us a different way of addressing speeding while involving the local community. Rather than simply issuing a ticket, we give drivers the opportunity to hear directly from young people and understand how speeding makes them feel. The conversations can be incredibly powerful. We've seen drivers left speechless and even in tears after being asked some very thoughtful questions. For many people, that message stays with them far longer than enforcement alone."*

Speeding remains one of the Fatal Five factors most commonly associated with people being killed or seriously injured on Cheshire's roads. Even small increases in speed can reduce a driver's ability

to react and significantly increase the severity of a collision. Cheshire Police is reminding motorists to slow down and remember that speed limits are there to protect lives. Following the success of the operation, officers will continue delivering the 'Kids Are Watching' initiative across Nantwich. For road safety advice, and further information on how the Constabulary helps keep Cheshire's roads safe, visit: [Keeping safe on Cheshire's roads | Cheshire Constabulary](#)

Woman dies following serious collision in Macclesfield

A woman who was involved in a serious collision in Macclesfield has sadly died.

At 8.37am on Tuesday 8 September, police were called to a collision on Coare Street, near to the junction of Westminster Road. Officers attended and found that the collision involved a DPD delivery van and a pedestrian. The pedestrian, a 68-year-old local woman, sustained serious injuries and was taken to Salford Royal Hospital by air ambulance. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, Linda Richards passed away as a result of her injuries on Thursday 24 September.



Following her death, Linda's family said: *"We are saddened by the loss of Linda and know that she will be remembered by those whose lives she touched. As a family, we ask for privacy and understanding at this difficult time."*

Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and the driver of the van, a 24-year-old man from Shelton, remains on bail at this time. Anyone with any information or video footage which may aid the investigation is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2413238.

Man handed four-year Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from areas of Chester

A man has been banned from areas of Chester city centre following the successful application of a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Stephen Sanderson was handed a four-year CBO at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 29 September. This comes after officers provided evidence of repeated instances of retail crime committed by the 47-year-old. Under the terms of the order, Sanderson must comply with the following terms:

- He must not enter the area outlined in red and as defined by the map.
- When entering any retail premises within Cheshire, he must not place any item within a carrier bag, rucksack, or any other article capable of concealing items prior to payment being made, unless said item is a basket or trolley under the control of the store.
- When entering any retail premises within Cheshire, he must not conceal any items that have been selected from display, that is, items belonging to the store for retail sale on his person which have been selected by him or any third party.
- He must not enter any premises from which he has already been barred or excluded from, either verbally or in writing.



- He must immediately leave any premises when asked to do so by staff, security, accredited official or police.

Inspector James Wilson said: *"Sanderson has been a persistent problem in Chester city centre, responsible for a range of offences, including retail crime. Officers were able to gather a significant amount of evidence to apply for a CBO which was granted by the courts. This excludes him from part of the city centre, as well as making him adhere to other conditions in relation to his conduct inside retail premises across Cheshire. Anyone who witnesses Sanderson breaching any of his CBO requirements should report it to Cheshire Police so we can take action."*

Man charged with sexual offences in Chester

Officers in Chester have charged a man with sexual offences.

Daniel Jones was arrested at 6.40pm on Wednesday 30 September. Jones, of no fixed address, has since been charged with sexual assault on a female and attempted rape. The 47-year-old appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 3 October, where he was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 30 October.

Cheshire Police encouraging parents to help young people make safer cyber choices

Parents, carers and educators across Cheshire are being encouraged to start conversations about online behaviour with young people as part of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The call comes as the National Crime Agency (NCA) highlights concerns around the number of young people engaging in illegal online activity without fully understanding the consequences. Recent research found that one in five children aged 10-16 reported behaviour that could constitute an offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990. Cheshire Police is supporting the national Cyber Choices campaign throughout October, helping families better understand the difference between legal and illegal online activity while promoting positive pathways for young people with an interest in technology, coding, gaming and cyber security.

Many young people develop advanced technical skills through curiosity, gaming and learning online. While these skills can open the door to exciting careers in cyber security and technology, some young people may unknowingly cross legal boundaries by attempting to access systems without permission, using disruptive online tools, or engaging in activities that are often portrayed as harmless online.

Through its Cyber Prevent programme, Cheshire Police works to educate, support and guide young people before they become involved in more serious offending. The programme delivers the national Cyber Choices initiative, coordinated by the National Crime Agency, which aims to help young people understand the law, recognise the consequences of cyber offending and channel their skills into legitimate opportunities.

Stephen Blake, Cyber Prevent Officer for Cheshire Police, said: *"Many young people are incredibly talented when it comes to technology, coding and online platforms. In most cases, they're curious, keen to learn and exploring their interests rather than setting out to commit crime. The challenge is*

that some online behaviours can quickly cross the line into illegal activity without a young person fully understanding the risks or consequences. Our focus is not on criminalising young people. Through Cyber Choices, we want to educate, support and divert those with cyber skills towards positive opportunities, helping them build successful futures in legitimate careers where their talents are valued and in high demand."

Throughout National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Cheshire Police will be sharing advice and educational content across its social media channels covering topics including:

- Understanding the difference between ethical and illegal hacking.
- Explaining the Computer Misuse Act 1990 in simple terms.
- Demystifying common cyber terminology and online jargon.
- Encouraging cyber curiosity through legal learning opportunities and challenges.
- Helping parents understand the online environments young people may encounter and recognising when additional support may be needed.

Parents and carers are encouraged to take an interest in their child's online activities, discuss responsible online behaviour and explore positive opportunities together. While an interest in technology is not in itself a cause for concern, Cheshire Police advises seeking advice if a young person begins displaying concerning online behaviours, such as attempting to bypass security systems, discussing the use of hacking tools, or becoming involved in online communities that encourage illegal activity.

As part of the awareness month, Cheshire Police's Cyber Security Team will also host a public engagement event at Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre on Wednesday 29 October, between 9am and 3pm. The event will provide information on the Computer Misuse Act 1990, online safety, cyber security careers and the support available through Cyber Choices. Anyone concerned about a young person's online behaviour, or looking for advice on developing cyber skills safely and legally, can [find out more via the Cyber Prevent page on our website](#).

Warrington man jailed for seriously assaulting a woman

A man from Warrington has been jailed for nearly three years for seriously assaulting a woman.

34-year-old Rory Gilchrist appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 2 October where he was sentenced to two years and 11 months imprisonment. Gilchrist, of Padgate Lane, Warrington, was also handed a decade-long restraining order that prevents him from contacting the victim in this case. Gilchrist had pleaded guilty to one count of inflicting grievous bodily harm without intent.



On Sunday 8 March at approximately 4am, an off-duty Cheshire Police officer was driving in the Winwick Road area when he spotted a visibly distressed and seriously injured woman attempting to flag down traffic. The officer pulled over and came to the woman's assistance, calling for police and ambulance to attend the scene. Back-up quickly arrived, with the woman telling officers that she had been beaten by Gilchrist. She went on to say that Gilchrist has also held a knife to her, made threats to kill her and refused to let her out of her own property. Fearing for her safety, the victim jumped from a first-floor window in an attempt to escape, sustaining two fractured legs in the

process. Despite her injuries, she was able to make it to the nearby Winwick Road to flag down the passing officer.

Following a number of urgent enquiries, Gilchrist was arrested two hours later and taken into custody. When interviewed by detectives, he told officers that he had been attacked first and that he was defending himself. He also said he was unsure as to why the woman had chosen to jump out of a window to escape him as he had done nothing wrong.

Detective Constable Stuart Leah said: *"Gilchrist's behaviour created an atmosphere of terror, leaving the victim to feel that she had no choice but jump out of a first-storey window in order to escape his violence. Despite sustaining serious injuries at the hands of Gilchrist and during her escape, she was able to make it to a nearby main road and successfully flag down a passing off-duty police officer, who subsequently got her the support she needed. The bravery she showed during this ordeal, and the wider investigation and court process that has involved her having to relive traumatic events, is truly commendable and Gilchrist's conviction could not have been obtained without her vital evidence."*

"A key force priority for Cheshire Constabulary is protecting vulnerable people and tackling violence against women and girls. These commitments were clearly demonstrated by the off-duty officer who spotted a vulnerable woman in need and, acting on instinct, came to her aid - I would like to express my most sincerest thanks for him doing so."

Man jailed for sexually abusing a child in the 1970s

A 69-year-old man has been jailed for sexually abusing a child in the 1970s.

Stuart McDowell, from Stuart Place in Chester appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 30 September to be sentenced after being found guilty of nine counts of indecent assault, four counts of gross indecency, attempting to have sexual intercourse, rape of a female and unlawful sexual intercourse. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison extended for one year. He is also subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order and has to sign the Sex Offenders Register.



DS Craig Walker said: *"The length of sentence reflects how devastating his depraved behaviour has been on this survivor. This was a prolonged series of abuse which has had such a profound effect on her that she has struggled through life with challenges no one should have to go through. Despite the difficulties, she carried on even when she sometimes felt she couldn't anymore. She is a true hero, and her sheer strength should not be underestimated. When she felt able to, she bravely came to us and told her story. She got vital support, as well as the vindication she needed that his behaviour was wrong and should never happen to any vulnerable child. McDowell is now finally paying for his heinous actions against an innocent child."*

"I hope others who have suffered, no matter how long ago, feel some hope in this conviction, and when the time is right, feel that they too can come forward to police and get the support that they need and the justice they deserve."

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following fatal collision in Nether Alderley

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision in Nether Alderley.

At around 1am on Friday 9 October, police were called to a collision at the Alderley Roundabout on the A34 Melrose Way (Alderley Edge Bypass). On arrival officers found the collision involved a black Mazda and the driver of the car had fled the scene on foot. Three passengers remained in the vehicle were all treated by paramedics at the scene.

Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, one of the rear seat passengers, a 21-year-old woman from Macclesfield, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. The two remaining passengers, a 34-year-old woman from Macclesfield, and a 36-year-old man from Macclesfield, were both taken to hospital.

A 36-year-old man from Macclesfield was subsequently arrested nearby on suspicion of causing a death by dangerous driving. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information.

Detective Sergeant Russ Sime, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at Cheshire Police said:

"This is a tragic incident in which a young woman has sadly lost her life and our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time. Enquiries in relation to the cause of the collision are ongoing and one man is currently being held in police custody. The A34 is a busy road, and as part of our investigation, we're keen to hear from anyone who was in the area and witnessed the incident, or anyone with any dashcam footage of the collision. We're also keen to hear from anyone who thinks they may have seen the vehicle involved, a black Mazda, in the run-up to the incident. The vehicle is believed to have been travelling on the A34 from Wilmslow towards Monks Heath. Anyone with any information or footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 2434307."

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