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Disruptive Macclesfield property issued with partial closure order

A property in a Macclesfield that blighted residents with anti-social behaviour and drug issues has been handed an order banning anyone other than the occupant entering the address.



The property on Bond Street, Macclesfield, was served with the order after officers from the LPU's Neighbourhood Policing Team were successful in applying for the partial closure order through the gathering of sufficient evidence from residents of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing occurring at the address. The order, which came into effect from on Thursday 14 August will run for three months and is a direct result of great communication between officers and the local community of neighbours, engaging with them to build as part of the application to the Crewe Magistrates' Court. Under the partial closure order the occupant is banned from having anyone else in the property, with anyone who does so being at risk of arrest. This will prevent any ongoing attendance at the location by the resident or any of her associates.

Following the securing of the order, Sgt Matt Bassirat, said: *"I hope now, through the securing of this closure order, months of ASB, drug use and violent and offences taking place at the address in question will come to an end and give the residents some much needed peace. I also hope it shows we really are dedicated to keeping our Macclesfield neighbourhoods and their residents safe and encourages others to work with us to make their communities safer for everyone. We are here to help. I want to urge anyone with concerns about ASB or other criminality in their community to please contact local officers and we will do everything we can to address these issues and achieve justice."*

Anyone with concerns about anti-social or suspicious behaviour in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website or call 101.

Predator who sexually abused children for over three decades jailed

A 67-year-old man, who abused a number of young people between the 1970s and early 2000s, has been jailed.

William Woods appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 15 August, where he was jailed for 31 years. The sentence comes after the 67-year-old of Lawton Street, Congleton, was found guilty of 57 offences, including inciting children under the age of 14 to commit an act of gross indecency, inciting boys aged 13 to 15 to engage in sexual activity and attempted rape.



The court heard that for three decades, between 1976 and 2006, Woods subjected eight children from the Northwich and Crewe areas to a torrent of sexual and physical abuse. As a football coach in the local area, Woods would regularly be in the company of young people and would establish a position of trust with their parents and garnered an influence among the children themselves. Woods would then go on to isolate these young people from their families, often taking multiple children on trips out or inviting them to his home, where he would force them to act out his depraved fantasies on himself and each other.

Alongside his campaign of sexual abuse against these children, the jury heard how he locked and left one of his victims in a cupboard for a prolonged period of time. The case would come to Cheshire Police in 2018, when officers were approached by one of Woods' victims who bravely came forward to disclose the abuse they had suffered.

Officers' subsequent enquiries into this victim's case resulted in the uncovering of seven more victims, all of whom had been sexually and physically abused by Williams Woods at one point between the late 1970s and early 2000s. Throughout the investigation, Woods was interviewed several times, consistently denying the allegations outright. He was arrested in 2022. He would tell police that he had never met several of the victims and that the ones he had previously met were lying about being abused. Despite remaining adamant that he was innocent, William Woods was found guilty of 57 charges against him following a nearly nine-week-long trial which concluded on Tuesday 24 June.

Following sentencing, PC Emma Hughes said: *"William Woods used his links to young people in the Crewe and Northwich communities to hand-select his victims, gaining the trust of both them and their parents going on to exploit them on trips away, days out, or visits to his home. Today's sentencing is the culmination of over half a decade's worth of police work built around the eight individuals at the centre of this case, whom William Woods subjected to a torrent of abuse over a period of 30 years. I hope that now, whilst we cannot rewrite the past and undo the horrific actions that this malignant and opportunistic predator committed, the victims can feel a sense of relief that justice has finally been secured for them, with their abuser set to spend the remainder of his days behind bars."*

"I know the weight of this emotional burden can be very heavy, so I would like to commend every one of Woods' victims for their bravery in speaking to our officers and recalling events that, for some, occurred nearly 50 years ago. Their efforts have been paramount in securing today's sentence. Our specialised officers from the Protecting Vulnerable People Unit and Vulnerability Hub take all reports of sexual abuse extremely seriously, regardless of how long ago the offences occurred. In investigations such as this, as with all cases, victims are treated with the utmost respect and their needs will always be placed at the centre of everything we do to achieve justice."

If you have been a victim of sexual abuse, or know of someone who has, please call us on 101 or [visit the website](#). Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Police roadshow sparks conversations about consent across Cheshire

Over four days in August, Cheshire Constabulary took to town centres across the county to start important conversations about consent - as part of the 'Consent. It starts with a conversation' campaign. The interactive roadshow visited Warrington Town Centre, Chester City Centre, Sandbach Town Centre, Crewe Retail Park, and Northwich Barons Quay between Thursday 7 – Tuesday 12 August.



The specially branded 'consent van' acted as a mobile discussion space, inviting members of the public to step inside and take part in filmed activities. These included leaving messages to their younger selves, discussing



scenarios about consent, and exploring how different generations view the subject.

Outside the van, a team of officers and staff - including support from two specialist support services, MyCWA and Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre - engaged passers-by with information, free educational resources, and interactive activities designed to break down barriers and make the topic approachable – with members of the public able to take away a pack of prompt cards to carry on the conversations at home with their family members.

Youth Engagement Officer, PC Sarah Bailiff, said: *"Consent is about respect, communication, and understanding boundaries – but it's not something we can just talk about once and forget. It's a conversation we should be having at home, with friends, and in our communities. By taking our campaign directly to town centres, we've been able to speak to people of all ages, hear their thoughts, and encourage them to keep these discussions going long after they left us. The roadshow highlighted that consent is an ongoing conversation, not a one-off lesson, and that understanding consent is key to fostering respectful relationships."*



To view content from the roadshow, follow Cheshire Constabulary across all social media platforms and search **#ConsentStartsWithAConversation** For more information about the Constabulary's consent campaign and support on having consent conversations [visit the Consent Campaign pages on our website](#).

Man pleads guilty to attempting to rob a bakery in Handforth

A man who attempted to rob Greggs Bakery in Handforth has pleaded guilty to a number of offences.

Vincent Foley, 43, from Bailey Lane Manchester appeared at Chester Crown Court on 13 August and pleaded guilty to burglary and theft, attempted robbery, and possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. He pleaded not guilty to section 18 wounding with intent and fraud by false

representation, these charges will lie on file. He has been remanded in custody to be sentenced on 11 September.

The charges relate to an attempted robbery at the bakery in Wilmslow Road in Handforth on 4 July and a burglary at an address in Meriton Road, Handforth on the same day. The fraud relates to using stolen cheques on 7 July. Foley entered the office area of the bakery on Wilmslow Road and assaulted a member of staff with a hammer. The staff member ran to his colleagues in the front and they ran out of the shop to safety. Foley then tried to open the safe but failed and left empty-handed.

The same day he broke into a house in Meriton Road in Handforth and stole a number of watches and bracelets, a deactivated antique shotgun and a cheque book. Foley tried to write himself a cheque for £2,000 and £4,000, which was refused by the bank who alerted the victim. The cheque book was found in Foley's car when he was stopped and arrested by Greater Manchester Police after being spotted driving erratically in Rochdale on 14 July.

DC Ash said: *"Foley was caught on camera putting his on balaclava so we got a good look at his face and were able to do an appeal to the public to identify him. This definitely highlights the benefits of having CCTV. It makes life much harder for criminals knowing, or in Foley's case, not realising, there is CCTV around."*

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Man admits assaulting a man on a night out in Congleton

A 25-year-old man has pleaded guilty to assaulting a man in Congleton.

Danny Warner from First Avenue in Kidsgrove appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 14 August to plead guilty to two counts of Section 18 wounding without intent. He will be sentenced on 30 September.

Just after midnight on Sunday 4 June 2023 the 24-year-old victim was assaulted by Warner as he stood with his girlfriend just off Mountbatten Way. He had been on the phone to police as his girlfriend was upset which was causing him concern when Warner approached and began punching him. The man tried to protect his face using his arms. The victim did not punch back and Warner started shouting at him to fight, which he didn't do. Warner had already been thrown out of a bar for being aggressive early that night. A local officer had been alerted to this by door staff and ordered Warner to leave the town. Warner became aggressive toward the officer before running off with an unknown woman.

Police made a search but didn't find him. Two officers who had been made aware of the assault just after midnight found Warner near the library off Mountbatten Way and detained him, suspecting him of being responsible for the assault. The victim and his girlfriend arrived in a patrol car. Warner was identified by them as the man responsible for the assault. Warner was arrested and taken to custody. The victim had suffered bruising and a chipped tooth, and later discovered the pain in his arm was a broken bone which required surgery.

PC Charlotte Owen said: *“Warner was out that night intoxicated and spoiling for a fight when he came across his victim. I hope Warner understands now that actions have consequences. People should be able to enjoy a night out in the town without the threat of violence. and we will take action anyone who doesn’t seem to realise this.”*

OCG boss jailed for orchestrating a shooting in Warrington

A man from Salford has been jailed after he was caught using an encrypted messaging service to orchestrate a shooting in Warrington.



Jamie Rothwell, 38, originally from Salford, appeared at Manchester Crown Court today, Thursday 14 August, where he was sentenced to 43 years in prison. The sentencing comprised of 25 years for conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm, conspiracy to possess a firearm, and conspiracy to possess ammunition. These all relate to offences in Cheshire. He was also jailed for a further 18 years for drugs offences in the Greater Manchester area. Rothwell had earlier pleaded guilty to the charges.

The case began in May 2020 when international law enforcement officers, working with the National Crime Agency, infiltrated a previously encrypted data system known as EncroChat, forming part of the Europe-wide investigation codenamed Operation Venetic. Detectives from Cheshire’s Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) analysed the encrypted data used by Rothwell and read his messages to other EncroChat users where he discussed an ongoing feud with rival gang member, Leon Cullen.

At this time, Rothwell was hiding from police in Spain for separate serious offences, and used EncroChat, under the handle ‘Live-long’, to communicate with his criminal associates back in the UK. Here, he ordered his subordinates to pursue those closely connected with the Cullen organised crime group, with the intention of causing them serious harm. Rothwell arranged for two of Cullen’s associates to be targeted, and put the request “out to tender”, offering substantial amounts of cash to anyone willing to carry out the shootings. The court heard how in April 2020, a 56-year-old man was shot on Poplars Avenue, Warrington, under Rothwell’s orders. The victim sustained life-changing injuries to his leg.

Following this, Cheshire Police’s Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) launched Operation Chairs, a complex investigation into organised crime in the Warrington area and the wider northwest region. Lewis Fitzpatrick, Aaron Bretherton and Anthony Morris were subsequently identified as part of the operation and were later convicted of carrying out the shooting.

The three men had travelled to Warrington with the intention of carrying out a targeted shooting, as requested by Rothwell, on the evening of Friday 24 April 2020. Fitzpatrick acquired the firearm, Bretherton was the gunman, and Morris was the driver. When detectives established that Rothwell was the driving force behind the attack, he fled to the Netherlands. He was arrested on 14 December 2020 as he travelled in a taxi in Amsterdam after Cheshire Constabulary’s Serious and Organised Crime Unit obtained a European Arrest Warrant. He was then extradited back to the UK on Thursday 11 March 2021.

Detectives worked with the National Crime Agency, North West Regional and Organised Crime Unit and Dutch partners along with assistance from the Crown Prosecution Service to secure the arrest and his subsequent extradition.

Detective Chief Inspector Nick Henderson, from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said:

“Rothwell was a well-established organised criminal who believed his connections would allow him to commit extreme acts of violence whilst remaining under the radar. While he lapped up the Spanish sun, his associates carried out his orders and searched the streets of Warrington for those Rothwell had intended to harm. His actions brought chaos to the local community, leaving innocent members of the public fearful. A man was also left with lifelong injuries and will never be able to walk the same again.

“Over the past few years, we have worked incredibly hard to turn the tide of fear in Warrington by targeting individuals who are directly involved in serious and organised crime and making it very clear that the town is a hostile place for criminality. I would like to thank our colleagues in Greater Manchester Police and the Crown Prosecution Service for their help and support in bringing Rothwell to justice, and I hope his sentence will serve as warning to those who think that they can travel to Cheshire to commit crime. We will continue to be relentless in the pursuit of those who cause the most harm to our communities and work with the public, and with our partner agencies, to bring offenders to justice and to make Cheshire a safe place to live and work.”

Serial domestic abuse perpetrator jailed after stalking woman

A Warrington man who created a web of fake social media accounts to stalk his ex-partner has been jailed.

Robert Forshaw appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 14 August 2025 where he was sentenced to two years and nine months imprisonment. The sentencing comes after the 42-year-old of Folly Lane, Bewsey and Whitecross, had previously pleaded guilty to stalking involving serious alarm or distress.



The court heard how the victim ended a relationship with Forshaw after five weeks when they observed controlling behaviours from him. Soon following this, in December 2023, Forshaw began a campaign to discredit the victim, with the court hearing how he made numerous calls to the victim from withheld numbers and sent her abusive emails. Forshaw also contacted her place of work pretending to be the spouse of one of her clients and accused her of inappropriate behaviour towards the client. Along with this, Forshaw created a network of fake social media accounts and used these to publish content further targeting the victim, going so far as to send messages between each of the accounts he'd created, discussing her and making false allegations about her. Forshaw then screenshotted these and emailed them to the victim.

In late January 2024, a friend of the victim shared images on social media of them and the victim attending a sporting event. The court were told how Forshaw had also attended this event and later used one of the fake accounts he had created to comment on the post, saying “I’m only 50 yards away from you”. After these incidents were reported to police and investigation was launched in which Forshaw was a person of interest, Forshaw concealed his devices. He would go on to admit that he had done so to a third party, who promptly notified the police.

Despite Forshaw's best efforts, officers from the Constabulary's Harm Reduction Unit were able to piece together his digital footprint and attribute the numerous fake social media accounts and email addresses to him. Even with the overwhelming amount of evidence facing him, Forshaw continued to deny any responsibility and a trial set for July 2025. However, on the first day of the trial, Forshaw changed his plea to guilty. In addition to his custodial sentence, Forshaw was handed a ten-year Restraining Order prohibiting him from contacting the victim, publishing anything about her, or entering multiple areas of Warrington and Widnes.

Following the sentencing, investigating officer PC Charl Ashmore of the Harm Reduction Unit said:

"I welcome the sentence handed by the courts in this case. Robert Forshaw is a serial domestic abuse perpetrator and this conviction clearly demonstrates that he is either incapable or unwilling to accept his victim's decision to end their relationship with him. Forshaw clearly hoped that by hiding behind a screen, he could punish the victim for calling out his behaviours and subsequently ending their relationship without repercussions. However, he, like many stalkers, failed to account for his digital footprint, which led investigating officers straight to him. This again proves that the internet offers no sanctuary to those who wish to commit violence against women and girls and domestic abuse."

"His behaviour and offending have understandably left his victim physically shaken and emotionally distressed. That said, the strength she has shown throughout this investigation, right up to the moment Forshaw changed his plea, is truly commendable. Thanks to her bravery in taking the step to contact police, Forshaw has been held accountable for his actions and is facing a spell behind bars."

DCI Danielle Knox added: *"I am pleased to see the sentence which has been given here showing that the police and the wider Criminal Justice System take stalking seriously - we will always listen to victims and put perpetrators before the courts. Forshaw was determined to cause serious distress to the victim in this case and I am pleased that he pleaded guilty and was able to answer for what he did. For any victims who are in a similar situation and may be unsure of whether to call the police about what is happening, my plea is to please do call us; we will listen to you, and we will take what you tell us very seriously. Furthermore, I would like to recognise the hard work of the Officer in the Case and the wider HRU Investigations team who have worked tirelessly to get justice and a great outcome for the victim."*

The Harm Reduction Unit is a specialist 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. The HRU includes a specialist investigation team who take primary of the most serious and complex stalking cases.

Man charged following altercation in Warrington

A man who was arrested following reports of an altercation in Warrington has now been charged.

At around 4.35pm on Tuesday 12 August, police were called to reports of an altercation in the Scotland Road area of Warrington. Local officers, supported by firearms officers and the police helicopter, were deployed to the scene and following a search area a 40-year-old man was located in Sankey Valley Park. Kevin Appleyard has since been charged with possession of an imitation

firearm in a public place, criminal damage and use threatening/abusive/insulting words/behaviour with intent to cause fear to or/provoke unlawful violence. Appleyard, of Southworth Avenue, Warrington, has been released on bail and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 8 September.

Police secure partial closure order for a house in Poynton

Officers have secured a partial closure order at an address on Weller Close, Poynton, to prevent anyone other than the tenant being at the property due to concerns that a man at the address is vulnerable and the address is being used for drug activity.

The order, which came into effect from Friday 8 August and will run for three months, is a direct result of officers responding to the concerns of residents regarding the behaviour at the property, including drug activity and antisocial behaviour. Closures such as these could not be possible without the valuable input of residents, the local authority, housing associations and private landlords. By working together, communities can only benefit from the positive action our team can take on their behalf. The partial closure order should protect the man from harm and stop unwanted visitors.

PC Jarrad Sainsbury, of Poynton Beat Team said: *"I hope that the latest closure will help to reassure residents that we do listen, and we do act on information with our partners to keep residents safe. We couldn't do this without your support, so thank you and let's keep talking to improve our communities and stamp out illegal activity and anti-social behaviour. I want to urge anyone with concerns about ASB or other criminality in their community to please contact local officers and we will do everything we can to address these issues."*

Anyone with concerns about anti-social or suspicious behaviour in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police [via the website](#) or call 101.

Three men jailed for dealing crack cocaine in Ellesmere Port

Three men have been jailed following an investigation into drug dealing in Ellesmere Port.

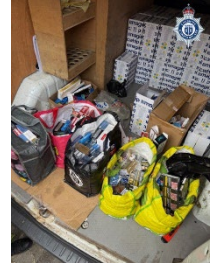
Kian Burgess, 19, from King Street, Ellesmere Port, Ben Rennix, 21, of no fixed address and Joshua Voice, 18, of no fixed address appeared at Chester Crown Court on 8 August to be sentenced after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (Crack Cocaine) at a previous hearing. Burgess was sentenced to three years in prison, Rennix was sentenced to 21 months in prison and Voice was sentenced to 26 months in prison.

The court heard that on 12 May police acting on information attended an address on King Street, Ellesmere Port with a warrant. Rennix and Voice were at the address which belonged to Burgess. Voice was on the phone to Burgess on arrival of the police and he alerted Burgess to the raid. He arrived back at the address 15 minutes later. Officers made a search of the address and found weighing scales and 240 snap bags of crack cocaine with a street value of £2,000. They also recovered a machete in its sheath from under a bed. All three were arrested.

Sgt Chris Comer-Swash said: *"This was a fantastic result which saw the drug supply disrupted in Ellesmere Port and three men jailed for their part in ruining people's lives by helping to fuel addiction in our communities. Our team are determined to keep up the good work by continuing to remove illegal drugs from our streets and arrest those involved in criminal behaviour that impacts on the communities we serve."*

£10k worth of illegal goods recovered during joint operation crackdown

A joint investigation with Trading Standards, Immigration and HM Revenue and Customs have resulted in the discovery of over £10,000 worth of illegal goods in a Warrington shop amidst crackdown on the selling of illegal cigarettes, tobacco and vapes.



An operation tackling the sale of illegal cigarettes, tobacco and vapes resulted in over £10,000 of illegal goods being seized from just one shop in Warrington after evidence was gathered regarding the sale of illegal tobacco. As part of the day of action on Tuesday 12 August, officers from the Foreign National Offender (FNO) team worked alongside LPU colleagues, immigration officers, trading standards and HM revenue & customs to seize goods from shops suspected of selling these damaging products to the public.



A search of one premises on Orford Lane resulted in officers locating a well-hidden car key in a secret compartment of the shop that unlocked a van to the rear of the property. Upon opening the van, a stash of £8000 worth of illegal cigarettes and tobacco (14,000 cigarettes and 1kg of hand rolled tobacco), along with £2000 worth of illegal vapes and another £1000 of counterfeit goods was found. Also found in the van were over 300 nitrous oxide canisters which are a class C drug.



Additionally, officers from the FNO team and Immigration visited nail bars and beauty outlets across Warrington town centre to conduct checks for any outstanding immigration offences, illegal workers and modern-day slavery risks. These visits led to three arrests for breach of visa, in which all three suspects had documentation and were escorted to a detention centre whilst they await their removal from the country.

PC Dave Carr, of the Northern FNO Team said: *"We continue to work hard tackling organised criminals operating in our communities and joint operations such as this shows that the feedback and information we receive from the public is acted on robustly. While many of these businesses are operating legitimately and within the law, we have seen links to tax evasion, money laundering, drug trafficking and distribution, organised immigration crime, modern day slavery, and human trafficking, along with the sale of illicit tobacco, vapes and counterfeit goods. Through continued multi agency operations involving our partner agencies, together we will continue to disrupt and prosecute those organised criminal gangs."*

"I hope that the results from this operation will provide reassurance to Warrington residents that we are actively targeting this type of criminality, and we'd encourage anyone with information on other

shops in their area selling illicit goods to get in touch either online or via 101 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously."

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Dangerous driver jailed following pursuit in Widnes

A driver who had no licence and no insurance has been jailed after leading police on a dangerous pursuit in Widnes.

Philip Beaulieu appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 6 August where he was sentenced to 12 months. The 39-year-old, of no fixed abode, had previously pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicle taking, dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence and threats to damage/destroy property.



At around 2.25pm on Thursday 31 July, an officer sighted and recognised Beaulieu, who was driving a Ford C-MAX on Wavertree Avenue, Widnes. Once Beaulieu had passed the police vehicle, he accelerated away at speed and a pursuit was declared. Beaulieu was travelling far in excess of the speed limit and failed to give way at junctions, running red traffic lights and went onto the opposite side of the road. Due to the danger posed to other road users, the pursuit was terminated. Checks revealed Beaulieu had an expired provisional driving licence and was not named on the insurance of the vehicle he was seen driving. Officers attended the registered keeper's address and located Beaulieu. The registered keeper of the car was out of the country however after being spoken to over the phone by officers, they confirmed Beaulieu had not been given permission to drive the vehicle.

While on route to custody, Beaulieu repeatedly told the officer he would find out where he lived and burn it down. He was subsequently charged with both the driving offences and the threats to damage/destroy property.

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On top of his custodial sentence, Beaulieu was banned from driving for 36 months and is required to pass an extended test before he can get a licence again.

PC Holland said: *"Beaulieu knew he was in the wrong by driving a vehicle he'd taken without the owner's consent, and without a valid licence or insurance. He chose to put other road users in danger by fleeing from police with no regard for the safety of other members of the public. But it was to no avail, and he was arrested soon afterwards. Despite Beaulieu denying all responsibility in interview, he changed his plea to guilty when faced with the overwhelming evidence at court; no doubt helped by some thinking time after a long weekend on remand."*

"Let this be a reminder – if you commit crime on Cheshire's roads, there is nowhere you can hide."

Telford man charged with romance fraud

Detectives from the Economic Crime Unit at Cheshire Police have charged a man from Telford with multiple counts of fraud.

Marc Cole-Jones, 52, of Church Grove, Donnington, Telford, has been charged with 22 counts of fraud by false representation. The charges relate to romance fraud allegations involving six victims from Cheshire, Lancashire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Manchester and the West Midlands, which are reported to have occurred between 2009 and 2024. The total value of the offences is more than £590,000. Cole-Jones, also known as Marc Cole and Marc Sands, has been bailed and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Monday 18 August.

Police arrest man trying car doors in Warrington and Runcorn

Following an investigation into reports of a man trying car doors in Latchford, Warrington, and then in Moore, Runcorn in the early hours of Sunday 10 August, officers from Runcorn and Warrington deployed and swiftly located and arrested a man around 7am.

Enquiries in the areas revealed that the man had also stolen and crashed a car in the area. The 21-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of theft from a motor vehicle, attempt burglary other than a dwelling, burglary, taking a vehicle without consent and assault by beating of an emergency worker. He has since been bailed pending further enquiries.

Man jailed for six years after blackmailing family

A man who subjected a family to months of threats and blackmail in order to steal their money has been jailed.

Jordan Ellis appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Wednesday 6 August where he was sentenced to six years. The 29-year-old, of Bewsey Street, Warrington, had previously pleaded guilty to blackmail and theft.



In March 2025, Cheshire Police received details about blackmail offences. It was reported that in July 2024, one of the victims in this case was contacted by Ellis (who was using a false name) on Snapchat, who asked him if he 'wanted to make some money'. Ellis pressured him into sending over his bank details in return for what he promised would be a financial reward. However, once Ellis had these details, he changed the passwords to the victim's online banking account, meaning he had full access to the victim's money.

The victim then started to receive abusive messages from Ellis asking for more money. The blackmail meant the victim asked his parents to send money to his account as he was fearful of the repercussions if Ellis did not receive it. The victim then closed the bank account due to the repeated threats, but Ellis blackmailed him into reopening it, saying he wouldn't receive a 'financial reward' if it remained closed with no money paid into it. Ellis continued to threaten the victim, asking for more money and threatening to burn his house down if he did not comply.

The victim created new social media accounts and got a new phone number, however Ellis managed to gain the new phone number and continued to message him, putting him in fear. Ellis

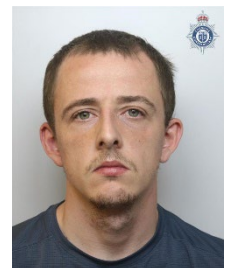
then managed to find contact details for the victim's family members, threatening them into sending him further money. He even made up stories about the family and posted them on Facebook to pressure them into paying the money. The total amount obtained by Ellis from the victim and his family totalled £11,417. Ellis was located through telecoms enquiries and was arrested at an address in Newton-le-Willows. He was later charged with the offences.

DC Gary Cooney said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Ellis, who subjected the victims to a prolonged period of threatening behaviour and torment, while pocketing a huge amount of money for his own gain. In interview, Ellis refused to answer any questions put to him by officers, but thanks to a catalogue of evidence against him, he was left with no choice but to plead guilty to the offences. I would like to thank the victims for their assistance throughout this investigation and hope the result brings them some closure."*

Man jailed following successful police check in Widnes

A 28-year-old man has been jailed for drugs offences following a successful police stop check in Widnes.

Jack Clarke appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 7 August where he was sentenced to four years and seven months in prison. The 28-year-old of Afton, Widnes, had earlier pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine). The court heard how on Thursday 19 June, officers spotted Clarke acting suspiciously near to Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes. He was then seen to meet a woman in what appeared to be a drug deal and was subsequently arrested. Officers seized a quantity of class A drugs and a quantity of cash from Clarke's pocket. He was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs.



Following the sentencing, DC Rachel Williams said: *"Clarke believed that he was operating under the radar, but thanks to the work of Op Apollo from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, he was quickly identified as the street dealer for a County Lines gang and removed from the streets of Cheshire. I welcome the sentence imposed on Clarke by the Court and hope this acts as a stark reminder that our officers are committed to tackling County Lines drug dealing head on."*

15 vehicles seized during Chester day of action



Local Policing and Roads Crime officers conducting the latest Operation Lawmaker have undertaken a day of action and seized 15 electric and off-road vehicles being used throughout Chester.

Over the past few months, Cheshire Police have been actively responding to concerns across the county relating to the anti-social and dangerous use of electric and off-road vehicles on our county's roads and town centres. As part of ongoing efforts to tackle these concerns officers have over the past few months developed a bespoke operation, known as Operation Lawmaker,



specifically designed to proactively target and deter riders from flouting the rules of the road and putting both their lives and the lives of other road users and pedestrians at risk.

During the most recent day of action on Wednesday 6 August, Lawmaker officers, supported by the Constabulary's Drone Unit, Vehicle Recovery, Beat Teams and Motorcycle Unit were deployed across Chester to target hotspot areas and disrupt known offenders. Over the course of the day, their work resulted in 15 vehicles, such as illegally converted pedal cycles, non-road-legal bikes and off roaders, being seized.

Other results from the day included:

- The issuing of 19 Traffic Offence reports for offences including motorists using mobile phone, not wearing seatbelts and vehicles having insecure loads
- Two motorists have been summonsed for having no insurance
- One person was also arrested for possession of cannabis and breaching public order

CI Cameron Taylor, of the Roads and Crime Unit said: *"Operation Lawmaker has been rolled out across the county in response to concerns from residents regarding the anti-social and dangerous driving of non-legal off-road bikes - this unsafe use of high-powered vehicles on our roads and in pedestrian areas is a priority issue for our officers and I want to reassure the public that we will continue to take a robust approach with those causing such harm within your communities."*



"Having seized these 15 vehicles over the course of one day is a great result but our work is not done. Our officers will continue carrying out these operations with high-visibility patrols in hotspot areas across the county, targeting those intent on causing a nuisance in their community and disregarding the safety of both themselves, other road users and pedestrians. "With that in mind, we cannot do this alone. If you have any information regarding the dangerous and anti-social usage of any vehicle on Cheshire's roads, I urge you to contact your local neighbourhood team or Cheshire Police."

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police in Crewe appeal to trace wanted man

Officers in Crewe are appealing for help in tracing a wanted man.

Andrew Crimes is wanted in relation to theft offences and the breach of a criminal behaviour order. Crimes is described as white, around six feet tall, with long mousy brown and blue eyes. The 49-year-old is from Crewe and is known to frequent the town.



Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Andrew Crimes is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting 25000600769.

Police appeal for witnesses following collision in Rostherne

Police are appealing for witnesses following a collision on the Bowden Roundabout connecting the M56 and A556 in Rostherne.

At 5.46pm on 6 August a white BMW X3 and a gold Triumph Speed were in collision on the roundabout. The pillion passenger of the motorbike suffered a serious head injury and was taken to hospital to be treated. No one else was injured.

PC Barnard said: *"The collision occurred during rush hour in heavy traffic, however those who stopped to aid the injured passenger did not witness the collision directly, so we are appealing for anyone who did see the collision to contact us. The same goes for anyone who may have captured the collision on dashcam."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2149114.

Appeal to trace wanted Northwich man

Police are appealing to the public for help to locate a man from Northwich who is wanted for breaching a stalking protection order.

Elliot Rowe is currently of no fixed abode, but he is known to frequent the Northwich area. He also has links to Ellesmere Port and Winsford. The 27-year-old is described as 5' 7" tall and of medium build with dark brown hair, a brown beard, and blue eyes.



Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2152542. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Appeal to trace wanted man from Crewe

Police in Crewe are appealing for help in locating a wanted man.

Bradley Kerr, 25, from Crewe is wanted on prison recall and the breach of a court order. Kerr is described as around 5'8" tall, of slim build, with brown hair and blue eyes. Kerr is from Crewe and is known to frequent the area. He also recently resided in Merseyside and has connections to the Liverpool city centre area and the Accrington area of Lancashire.



Anyone who sees Bradley Kerr, or has information on his whereabouts, is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101, quoting 25000587257 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

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