

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Latest Cheshire News

Merseyside man charged with phone shop burglaries

Detectives investigating phone shop burglaries in Macclesfield and Northwich have charged a 20-year-old man from Oxton in Wirral with eight counts of burglary and one count of attempted burglary.

The charges relate to phone shops in Macclesfield, Northwich, Denton, Sale, Bolton, Prescot and Bradford between 31 August and 3 September. Viorel Zlat, 20, from Borough Road, Oxton appeared at Crewe Magistrates today (6 September).

Crewe man charged following aggravated burglary in Leighton

Detectives investigating an aggravated burglary in Leighton, near Crewe, have charged a 41-year-old man in connection with the incident.

Lee Moss was arrested at his home in Ardene Avenue, Crewe, at around 10pm yesterday, Thursday 5 September. He has subsequently been charged with aggravated burglary. The charge relates to an incident which occurred in Bodnant Close, Leighton, at around 9.15pm on Wednesday 28 August. It saw a homeowner threatened at knifepoint and have cash and a mobile phone stolen by a man who had knocked on his door claiming to be a takeaway deliverer. Moss appeared at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 6 September. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 4 October.

Serial fraudster jailed after extorting more than £7,000 from vulnerable women

A serial fraudster who adopted false identities in order to trick vulnerable women into giving him thousands of pounds has been jailed.

Stephen Davey was sentenced to four in prison at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 5 September. He was also handed a ten year restraining order and a proceeds of crime hearing has been set for January 2020. The 49-year-old, who was originally from the Wandsworth area of London, had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud by false representation, making articles to use in fraud, possessing articles to use in fraud and theft. Three further charges of fraud by false representation, making off without payment and malicious communications were allowed to lie on file.



The court heard that Davey had adopted a number of false identities in order to extort a total of more than £7,000 from his victims. The case began in December 2018 when Davey befriended a woman at a bar in Liverpool and told her that his name was 'Stephen Burns' and that he was a police officer and a probation worker. He was in fact a convicted fraudster who had just been released from prison after serving a short sentence for breaching the terms of his previous licence.

Over the following months Davey convinced the woman that he was in love with her and, in order to borrow money from his partner, told her that he was in the process of buying a house for the pair to live in. He also befriended one of her close friends, a vulnerable single mother, who again knew him as 'Stephen Burns'. Davey offered to provide that woman with legal advice, based on his purported expert knowledge as a police officer and probation worker. He managed to extort at least £6,100 from this victim, claiming, among other things, that he needed to borrow the money to pay for an engagement ring for her friend and for renovation work and furniture at the home that he had supposedly bought for the couple to live in. Davey even went as far as claiming he feared that he had bowel cancer and needed money for a private scan. Whenever he borrowed money Davey promised to pay it back, but he never did.

Davey also put this victim and a third woman in touch with a solicitor he knew called 'Simon Davey', who offered to represent them in their respective family court cases at a discount price. Both women transferred money to what they were told was the solicitor's bank account. The account details they were provided were actually Davey's. All of the victims' dealings with 'Simon Davey', one of Stephen Davey's alter egos, were done via email, as he always made excuses when he was due to meet with the women. As time progressed he told them that their family court cases were going extremely well and emailed them various legal documents which seemingly backed up this claim. He even told one of his victims that she had won full custody of her children and been awarded £65,000 by the courts. This money never arrived.

The truth was that all of the documents and emails sent by Davey regarding the cases were totally fictitious, and the victims were not represented in court, putting both cases in severe jeopardy. As part of his elaborate ploy to extort money for legal work that was never carried out, Davey also tricked his victims with fake emails and text message screenshots. Within these he posed as the fictional police officer/probation worker 'Stephen Burns', multiple fake and real police officers from both Cheshire Constabulary and Merseyside Police, a senior member of social services, an estate agent, a builder and even his own family members.

Davey's crimes came to light in April 2019 when he left a hotel in Liverpool city centre owing money for his stay, having also taken money off a staff member for cigarettes he never delivered and having promised to get tickets to Liverpool FC matches which never materialised. Having tried to contact Davey to settle his bill, staff members discovered old news articles online, which showed that he had committed similar frauds nationwide. Concerned by what they had discovered, they informed Davey's partner, who immediately confronted him and contacted police. Davey was eventually traced to an address in Liverpool, where he was arrested by detectives from Cheshire Constabulary, who ran the investigation into his crimes.

Following sentencing, Detective Constable Laura Gilbert, of Warrington CID, said: "This has been a complex and wide-ranging investigation spanning multiple force areas. Stephen Davey is a manipulative and despicable individual who has knowingly preyed on extremely vulnerable victims. He is a career criminal whose only motivation throughout was to extort as much money as he could from his victims. I would like to thank the victims and witnesses in this case for coming forward and exposing his predatory behaviour, and for the bravery they have shown in doing so. They have played a vital role in Davey being brought to justice for his crimes. When arrested and interviewed Davey completely denied the offences, and showed absolutely no remorse. His offending showed significant premeditation and he attempted to cover his tracks at every turn. I am pleased that this case has been brought to a swift conclusion for the sake of the victims and I hope that the sentence imposed will motivate Davey to reflect on his behaviour going forward."

Man arrested in-connection with murder of Mark Bradbury

Detectives investigating the death of Warrington man Mark Bradbury have arrested a man on suspicion of his murder.

The 39 year-old from Warrington was arrested this morning (Thursday 5 September) and has been taken into custody to be questioned. It's been just over a month since Mark was last seen near his home on Station Road South at 5pm on Thursday 1 August. He was found at his address three days later at 10pm on Sunday 4 August having suffered significant head injuries. Since the investigation was launched, a vast amount of work has been undertaken with a number of lines of enquiry carried out by a dedicated team of officers.

Detectives still believe the local community holds the key to identifying those responsible and are encouraging people to come forward with any information they have regarding Mark or who were in the vicinity of Station Road during those times.

Detective Inspector Sarah Oliver, of Cheshire Police's Major Investigation Team, said: "I hope today's arrest reassures the public that we will not rest until we have found those responsible for Mark's murder. While this man remains in custody to be questioned I am still appealing to the local community to get in touch if they knew Mark or were in the area of Station Road through the weekend after 1 August. I know people may sometimes worry about speaking to the police, but there are other ways of helping us, such as through the Crimestoppers charity with which you can give information anonymously."

Patrols will be in the area over the next few days following today's arrest, and the community is encouraged to speak to officers if they have any concerns. If you have information please get in touch by either using the special online portal <https://mipp.police.uk/> by calling Cheshire Police on 101 quoting Operation Keynotes or contacting Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through their online form <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Tenth Nantwich Police fishing match a huge success

Nantwich Local Policing Team's annual fishing match came to a close with a whopper of a fish being caught.

PC Matt Stonier said: "That's it for another year... The rods are in, catches weighed and cake eaten following a fantastic 10th annual 'Phillip Martin memorial, Nantwich Police Youth fishing match' sponsored for the first time by the Nantwich Civic Hall."

The event which is organized and run by the Nantwich Police Community Team took place on Wednesday 28th August at Border Fisheries on Waybutt Lane, Crewe. It attracted more than 40 anglers of all abilities, aged between 10 and 16, and is designed to offer an informal setting where positive relationships can be built between young people and those who police their communities.

PC Stonier said: "Despite the cooler temperatures and odd shower no one was put off. The brollies went up and water proofs were worn to ensure not a minute of the five hour match was lost. A police siren signaled the start and end of fishing with lunch and refreshments provided by our local Sainsburys store handed out to every angler at the half way mark. As in previous years it was great to see so many of the entrants joined on their pegs by parents and grandparents allowing that real quality time that is so hard to find in the digital age we now live in. The match finished at 3pm and after an anxious wait the results were announced and presentations made."

This year's winners were:

- Overall match winner – Joshua Gould (total weight caught – 22lbs 8oz)
- Heaviest fish – Thomas Riley (8lb 11oz)
- Highest finishing female – Millie Smith
- Angler of the day – Jacob Evans

Each received a trophy provided by the Crown Hotel, Nantwich and a selection of prizes donated by HF Angling, Gresty Lane, Crewe. The addition of the highest finishing female award was introduced to try and increase female participation in the event. The trophy and prizes for that category were donated by Olwyn Payton who is personally keen to see more females involved in outdoor sports.

Following the winners presentation, every angler was handed a bag containing a lucky dip of prizes donated by the editor of 'Angling times' – Steve Fitzpatrick, 'Korda', 'Dynamite Baits' and HF Angling along with a slice of the fantastic cake which was baked and donated yet again by Rita Stones.

PC Stonier concluded "We'd like to say thanks to all the sponsors who have supported this year's event and allowed it to grow year on year. A special thank you must go to the staff at Border Fisheries, who for the 4th year in a row have allowed us full use of the facilities without any charge. Hopefully our winners will be back to defend their titles in 2020 and we can get even closer to our target of 50 anglers taking part!"

M6 Closed following collision near Knutsford

The M6 in Cheshire remains closed at the current time following a multi-vehicle collision near Knutsford.

The incident, which involves two HGVs, occurred shortly before 5.30pm today, Wednesday 4 September, on the northbound carriageway. One of vehicles involved is a tanker which is carrying approximately 32,000 litres of concentrated gin, which is leaking onto the carriageway. Due to the flammability of the alcohol a decision was taken to close the motorway in both directions between junctions 19 and 20.

A 300 metre cordon has also been put in place as a precautionary measure and a number of motorists who were stuck in the trapped traffic have been evacuated from their vehicles. Firefighters are currently working at the scene to stem the source of the leak, they are also coating the spilt alcohol with foam to prevent it from igniting. Crews are also working to contain the leaked fluid on the carriageway in order for it to be pumped into a replacement tanker. Emergency services are working hard to deal with the incident as quickly as possible, although there is currently no estimated time for when the road will reopen. Local diversions are in place, although motorists are advised to avoid the area if possible. There are no reports of any injuries as a result of the collision.

PC Recruitment window now open

Cheshire Constabulary are now recruiting for Police Constables.

We have two entry routes available, [Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship](#) (PCDA) and Police Constable (IPLDP)

The role of a Police Constable is exciting and varied, one day you could be patrolling neighbourhoods, the next you could be investigating serious or organised crime. If you are looking for a career that provides you

with new challenges every day and believe you have what it takes to become a Police Constable for Cheshire Constabulary you can apply from the **5th September 2019**.

Visit our [Police Constable page](#) for more information about becoming a Police Constable for Cheshire.

Apply now

- Police Constable Degree **Apprenticeship** (PCDA) - [Apply online](#)
- Police Constable (IPLDP) - [Apply online](#)

Recruitment advice and information events

For anyone looking for extra support or information about the recruitment process we'll be hosting two recruitment events at our Winsford Headquarters. Sign up today and book your space on the below events:

Police Officer Recruitment Market Place 17th September at Cheshire HQ 6-8pm*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/police-constable-recruitment-market-place-tickets-71056813843?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Police Officer Insight Programme 9th September at Cheshire HQ 6-8.30pm*

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/jobs/insight-programme/>

Under positive action we will be running Insight Programme sessions to support candidates with the application process. The introduction of this course is to provide potential officers and staff with an insight into Cheshire Constabulary. It will enable each individual to not only learn more about the force and how it works but aims to improve their confidence and provide an awareness of skills and techniques in relation to the recruitment process. If you are interested in receiving further support via the Insight Programme then please contact us on; mfss.resourcing@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

*Please note that spaces are limited, so you must have signed up in order to attend.

Unique crime fighting tool to be rolled out again to deter those who use scrambler bikes anti-socially

A unique crime-fighting tool to help deter people from riding scrambler bikes anti-socially is once again being rolled out by officers in Ellesmere Port.

The unique DNA spray is being brought back due to an increase in the number of bikes reportedly being used in an anti-social manner and police are determined to combat the problem. Forensic marking sprays enable police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) to mark riders and their bikes and trace them back to anti-social behaviour at a later date. The sprays are an invisible dye which marks the skin, clothing and bike. Officers can then use ultraviolet (UV) torches to identify offenders and link them to a specific incident using a unique DNA code.

Cheshire Police will look to prosecute anyone found to have been marked by one of the sprays or owning a scrambler bike that has been sprayed. If a scrambler bike is found to have been sprayed on more than one occasion it will be permanently seized by the police.

Sergeant Paul Davis, of Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: "Unfortunately we have seen an increase in the number of people riding scrambler bikes in an anti-social way but thanks to the public coming forward to report it we are rolling out our unique fighting tool to put a stop to it. The majority of reports show them using the bikes dangerously specifically around the town but also within the estates, which is understandably affecting the wellbeing of the community. We will not allow that to happen and with the help of the sprays we will work tirelessly to identify and prosecute the individuals responsible for this sort of behaviour. I hope knowing officers and PCSOs will have the sprays as a permanent part of their armoury will deter youths from riding scrambler bikes in an anti-social manner."

Police are appealing to the community to pass any information of riders committing anti-social behaviour while on scrambler bikes to Cheshire Police on 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through their online form on their website Crimestoppers-uk.org.

Runcorn man jailed for racially aggravated assault of taxi driver

A Runcorn man has been jailed for nine months after racially abusing and assaulting a Hungarian taxi driver.

Mark Stephen Davies, 32, from Porthleven Road, Runcorn appeared at Chester Crown Court on 23 August to be sentenced after pleading guilty to racially aggravated assault and racially aggravated criminal damage. At around 7pm on 20 March, a taxi driver collected Davies and a woman from an address in West Bank, Widnes. They stopped in Ridding Lane Runcorn and the fare was put to Davies who objected to the price and paying the toll fee. An argument between him and the taxi driver ensued. Davies then became racially abusive toward the taxi driver and assaulted him. He also smashed small rear window of vehicle and offside driver wing mirror before making off.

DC Phil Brown said: "The taxi driver was simply doing his job and should not have been racially abused or assaulted in the course of his work. I hope that Davies now realises that we will not put up with behaviour that insults or discriminates against people who should be welcomed in our community and that the Police will take strong action against such behaviour."

Former care worker jailed after being found guilty of string of sex offences

A former care worker has today, Monday 2 September, been sentenced after being found guilty of a number of non-recent sexual offences.

Bruce McLean, 62, from Runcorn was found guilty of eight out of 12 charges against three further victims including buggery, attempted buggery and indecent assault at Chester Crown Court. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

In November 2018 he was found guilty of 13 charges relating to four victims, but the jury could not reach a verdict on a further 20 charges. Today's result followed a retrial in respect of those charges and relating to five victims. The offences he was found guilty of today relate to allegations of abuse at the former Kilrie Children's Home in Knutsford between August 1980 and March 1991 and Taxel Edge Children's Home in Derbyshire between October 1975 and June 1978. One of the victims resided at Rosebank Children's Care Home in Lymm, Cheshire. Mclean had access to the home as his father worked there.

Aged between 8 and 15 the children were particularly vulnerable and were sent to what should have been a safe and stable place, but they were subject to repeated and brutal abuse at the hands of McLean. He gave them gifts and attention, which has undoubtedly added to their confusion and trauma.

DI Sarah Oliver, who was in charge of the investigation, said: "I'd like to take this opportunity to praise the victims for their bravery; even more so as some had to experience reliving their trauma a second time due to the retrial. The impact of crimes like this on the victims should not be underestimated. They have had to live with memories of the abuse for many years and I truly hope that today's result helps them in some way come to terms with their past. It took a lot of courage to get to the point of being able to talk fully about the abuse they had to endure and then to brave having to relive their abuse in the witness stand. Specialist officers supported them every step of the way so that they could tell their story and achieve the most important thing for any victim of such an atrocious crime - to be believed. For a vulnerable and frightened child who was scared to talk because they feared no one would believe them over an adult carer, this moment is so important despite the passage of time. They have finally been vindicated and are getting the justice they deserve. I hope that it helps give others – who may have suffered similar abuse and have not felt able to talk about it – the courage to come forward."

Chester drug dealer jailed for more than three years

A man who was caught dealing drugs in Chester on two separate occasions has been jailed.

Philip Barlow, of Wordsworth Crescent, Chester, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 30 August, where he was sentenced to three years and four months in prison. The 19-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to four counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs.



The case against Barlow began on Thursday 3 January when he was spotted dealing drugs in Leadworks Lane, Chester, by plain clothes officers. Upon being searched by officers he was found to be in possession of more than £400 worth of illegal drugs, which were hidden in his pocket and in a plastic Kinder Egg shell. This included £350 worth of heroin, £30 worth of crack cocaine and a small quantity of cannabis. Barlow was arrested at the scene and questioned about the drugs whilst in police custody. He refused to answer any of the questions and was released under investigation while officers examined the drugs and checked his mobile phone for evidence of drug dealing activity.

Despite the fact that he was being investigated by officers, Barlow decided to continue his criminal activities and was arrested again on Monday 29 July after being spotted acting suspiciously in Western Way, Blacon. On that occasion he was found to be in possession of more than £500 worth of illegal drugs, including heroin (£210) and cocaine (£330). Once again Barlow refused to answer any questions put to him by officers. However, as a result of all the evidence gathered against him, he was subsequently charged with drug dealing offences.

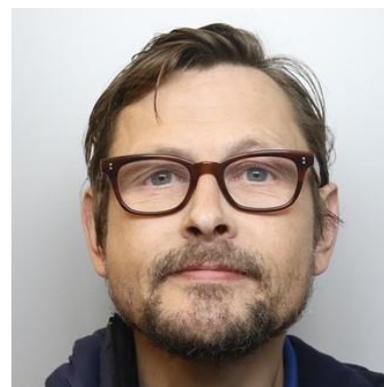
After Barlow was jailed for those offences, Police Constable Richard Connelley, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: "Class A drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities. They cause widespread misery and removing those involved in drug dealing from our city and the rest of Cheshire and cities is of paramount importance. I hope that the sentence handed to Barlow reaffirms the message that drug dealing in Chester and the wider Cheshire area will not be tolerated. I also hope that it deters others from getting involved in the supply of illegal drugs."

Residents are urged to report drug dealing by calling Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Information can also be provided by emailing <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Macclesfield man wanted on recall to prison

Police are asking the public to help them trace a 44-year-old man from Macclesfield who is wanted on recall to prison. David Larson is believed to be in the Macclesfield or Wilmslow areas. He is white, 5' 8" tall with a proportionate build and has dark brown hair and green eyes. Anyone who sees Larson, or has information regarding his whereabouts, is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 492641. Alternatively information can be given anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Appeal following two sexual offences in Runcorn

Detectives investigating sexual offences in Runcorn are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

Shortly after 10am today, Thursday 5 September, a man stood in a bus stop in Merlin Close exposed himself to a woman in her 60s. The offender was white, around 5' 3" tall and looked to be in his late 20s or early 30s. He was very slim and had messy dark hair described as a bowl cut with a fringe. He also had large eyebrows and a boil or spot near his right eye and he was wearing a knee-length black coat, black bottoms and black trainers. Less than an hour later a man fitting his description grabbed a woman in her 30s as she walked along Lodge Lane towards Runcorn Shopping City. He pulled her into some bushes and attempted to sexually assault her. The woman managed to fight him off and flee to the nearby police station. Enquiries in relation to the two incidents are ongoing.

Detectives believe that the incidents are linked and are urging anyone who thinks that they may have witnessed, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of, anything that may help their investigation to come forward. They also want to speak to anyone who believes that they may know the identity of the offender.

Detective Constable Dan Williams, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit (LPU), said: "The victims have understandably been left shaken up and are being supported by specialist officers. We believe that the same man committed the two offences. Understandably people will be concerned about what has happened and I would like to reassure residents that we are doing everything we can to identify and arrest the offender. We have stepped up patrols in the area and we are currently following a number of lines of enquiry. As part of these enquiries we are appealing for anyone who recognises the description of the offender and believes that they may know who he is to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who was in the areas where the offences took place and believes they may have witnessed something that may be relevant to our investigation. Perhaps you think you may have seen the offender or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him. If you think you can aid our investigation in any way please get in touch with the team here at Runcorn Police Station."

Detective Inspector Nick Henderson, also of Runcorn LPU, added: "Incidents like these are rare and we are committed to doing everything we can to catch the man responsible and bring him to justice. We have additional officers on patrol, providing reassurance to the local community. Anyone with any issues or concerns is urged to speak to an officer. As always we urge people to follow basic safety advice when out and about – be vigilant when you are out alone, maintain an awareness of your surroundings and try to stick to well-lit areas. "I also ask residents to report any suspicious activity by calling us on 101."

Anyone with information or CCTV footage that may help the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 505184 (Merlin Close incident) or IML 505208 (Lodge Lane incident), give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage.

Teenager robbed in Warrington

Detectives are appealing to the public to come forward following a robbery in Warrington.

At 6.48pm on Sunday 1 September a 16-year-old boy was riding his bike through Sankey Valley Park on the footpath near to Lodge Lane when he was approached by two youths on one bike coming from the direction of Lockton Lane. One of the youths pulled out a knife and threatened him to hand over his personal belongings. The boy refused and one of them punched him in the face, rifled through his pockets and stole his wallet. Both men then rode off into Sankey Valley Park. The youth who used the knife is described as a white male, aged approximately 17-years-old and around 5ft 7 in height. He was wearing a dark grey zipped-up hooded jumper with the hood up, black tracksuit bottoms and black woolly gloves. He was riding a black and red mountain bike and spoke with a slight Liverpool accent. The boy who assaulted the victim is described as white, with freckles on his face, believed to be aged approximately 17-years-old and slightly taller than 5ft 7 in height. He was wearing a black zip-up style top with the hood up and black tracksuit bottoms.

Anyone who believes they may have seen these teenagers or has any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 502365. Information can also be passed on anonymously through Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111.

Robbery at Widnes convenience store

Detectives investigating an attempted robbery at a convenience store in Widnes are appealing for the public to come forward.

At 10.35pm on Wednesday 4 September three men, wearing balaclavas and armed with weapons, entered the shop on Liverpool Road and demanded staff show them to the safe. At the same time, a staff member was able to activate the panic alarm, which caused the men to leave the shop empty handed. One of the men is described as white, of a slim build and around 5ft 7 in height. He was wearing a dark jacket and in possession of a weapon similar to a kosh. The second man is described as white, of a slim build and around 5ft 7 in height. He was wearing grey clothing and in possession of a hammer. The third man is described as white, wearing a black jacket and was in possession of a large knife.

If you saw anyone in the area at the time the robbery took place please contact Cheshire Police on either 101 quoting IML 504140, provide information by email <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact the online form at Crimestoppers anonymously <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Runcorn officers continue to appeal for help in tracing wanted man

Runcorn officers are asking the public to help them trace a 24-year-old man who is wanted in connection with an assault and failing to appear at court. Adam Hodgson, from Runcorn has links to the Runcorn and Warrington area. He is described as white, around 5' 8" tall and of slim build with blue eyes and brown hair. Anyone who sees Hodgson is advised not to approach him and ring Cheshire Police on 999 quoting IML 417964. Alternatively information regarding Hodgson's whereabouts can be reported on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after woman sexually assaulted by stranger in Chester

Officers are urging witnesses to come forward after a woman was sexually assaulted by a stranger in Chester.

The victim, who is in her early 20s, was walking along Tower Road on her own at around 8am on Thursday 29 August when the unknown man caught her up and sexually assaulted her from behind. He then ran off towards Sealand Road. The offender is described as white, around 15 to 23 years old and approximately 5' 6" tall. He had a slim build, a thin face and a pale complexion and was wearing all dark clothing, including a hooded top with the hood up. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are appealing for anyone who was in the area and witnessed the incident, or anything else that may help the investigation, to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes that they may know who the offender is, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him.

Police Constable Richard Unsworth, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: "The incident has understandably left the victim extremely shaken up. I would like to reassure residents that it is believed to be an isolated incident and we are doing everything we can to identify the offender and make him face the consequences of his actions. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area on the morning of Thursday 29 August and witnessed the incident, or anything else that may be relevant to our investigation, to come forward. Perhaps you recognise the description of the offender or believe that you saw him, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him. If you think that you can aid the investigation in any way please let us know."

Information can be given to Cheshire Constabulary by calling 101, quoting IML 499185, or visiting <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage

Appeal after man has his motorbike stolen in Chester robbery

Detectives are urging witnesses to come forward after a man was barged off his motorbike and had it stolen after stopping to see if a stranger needed help in Chester.

The incident occurred at around 8pm on Saturday 31 August. The victim, a 34-year-old from Ellesmere Port, was riding home along the A41 when he noticed a man waving his arms at him as he approached the traffic lights on Mannings Lane South. After stopping to see if he needed help, a second unknown man appeared from some bushes nearby, ran at the victim and shoulder barged him off his Yamaha YZF R125 motorbike. As

the victim lay on the floor, the offenders took his helmet off him and sped off together on the blue bike with black and white stripes. The bike has since been found in Liverpool. Both of the offenders were white. One of them was around 5' 6" tall, slim and was wearing a blue hoody which had black arms and black stripes down the sides.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone who was in the area and witnessed, or has CCTV or dashcam footage of, anything that may help their investigation to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes they may know who the offenders are.

Detective Constable Carl Humphreys, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: "The stolen motorbike has been recovered but this was a frightening incident that has understandably left the victim extremely shaken up. We are determined to establish the identities of the offenders and bring them to justice. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and believes they may have seen the offenders, either before the robbery or after they had fled the area on the motorbike they stole, to contact the team at Chester. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offenders are or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them."

Anyone with any information or CCTV footage that may be relevant to the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 501657, give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage.

Information and footage appeal following arson incident in Weaverham

Detectives are appealing for members of the public to aid their investigation into an arson incident in Weaverham, near Northwich.

At around 9.40am on Tuesday 13 August a car was deliberately set alight in Lime Avenue, near the Post Office. Whilst the silver BMW was burning a man wearing a balaclava was seen speeding away from the scene in a blue Vauxhall Insignia car, travelling in the direction of the A49. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage that may help their investigation to get in touch.

Detective Constable Tom Leathers, of Northwich CID, said: "Thankfully no-one was hurt as a result of the fire, which was extinguished by firefighters from Northwich Fire Station. The vehicle was well alight when firefighters arrived at the scene and we are determined to establish who started the fire and make them face the consequences of their actions. As part of our investigation we want to hear from anyone who was in the area and witnessed anything that may be relevant. Perhaps you saw the fire being started or have information or CCTV, mobile phone or dashcam footage in relation to the man wearing a balaclava who was seen fleeing the scene in a blue Vauxhall Insignia. We particularly want to speak to a dog walker who was in the area and may have witnessed the incident."

Anyone with any information or CCTV or mobile phone footage which may assist detectives with their investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 484622, or give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> Information can also be passed anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. To submit dashcam footage go online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage

Appeal following aggravated burglary in Ellesmere Port

Detectives investigating an aggravated burglary in Ellesmere Port are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

At around 11pm on Saturday 31 August three men brandishing weapons broke into a house in Stokesay Court. Wearing all dark clothing and balaclavas to conceal their identities, the offenders assaulted one of the occupiers, a man, and demanded cash and jewellery. Another occupier, a woman, managed to flee the address and get to safety. At that point the offenders fled in an unknown direction with a watch they stole during the burglary. Nothing else was taken from the house. The offenders looked to be in their early 20s. One of them was around 5' 6" tall and the others were approximately three inches taller. One of the offenders had pale skin and blue eyes. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage regarding the offenders to come forward.

Detective Constable Joe Duckworth, of Ellesmere Port CID, said: "This was a frightening incident that has understandable left the victims extremely shaken up. During the aggravated burglary they were threatened with violence and one of them, a man, was assaulted and sustained minor injuries. I would like to reassure the community that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are doing everything we can to establish the identities of the offenders and bring them to justice. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and believes that they may have seen the offenders, either before they broke into the house or as they were fleeing the scene, to contact the team here at Ellesmere Port CID. The same goes for anyone who believes that they may know who the offenders are, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them."

Anyone with information or CCTV footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 501706, give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage .

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