

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Police urge people not to attend illegal raves

Cheshire Police is urging anyone who is considering attending an illegal rave to think twice.

So far there have only been a small number of incidents in the county, although there have been others in nearby counties, some of which have resulted in serious physical and sexual assaults. The force is also aware of intelligence to suggest that people are planning further events this weekend, including raves in the Macclesfield Forest and Hale/Speke areas. Officers are actively monitoring the sites and anyone who is considering on attending either of the events is advised to stay away.

Superintendent Jo Marshall-Bell from Cheshire Police said: *"We understand that it's been a difficult time for everyone, particularly young people who have been unable to socialise with friends due to COVID-19. However, the coronavirus regulations are still in place and it's essential that we all play our part to help save lives and protect the NHS. I would urge anyone who is planning to attend an illegal rave to think twice. We have a dedicated policing operation in place and increased police presence across the county throughout the weekend. Our teams will be patrolling key locations and they will act on any intelligence they receive regarding any possible events. We will continue to use common sense and discretion to determine what is reasonable, with officers engaging, explaining, encouraging and, only as a last resort, enforcing. However, where illegal gatherings or raves do take place proportionate action will be taken, which may include arrest or even prosecution. Any music equipment will also be seized."*

Anyone with any information or intelligence in relation to any possible illegal raves is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101.

Five people attempting to fill drug dealing void arrested in Ellesmere Port

Five people attempting to fill the drug dealing void in Ellesmere Port have been arrested.

On Wednesday 17 June two men, aged 20 and 48, and a woman aged 21 were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply. The following day two men, aged 23 and 26, were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply. All five people have since been released under investigation. Local officers working with the Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) have been patrolling the streets and the town's border to prevent and disrupt organised criminals supplying drugs.

Detective Chief Inspector Giles Pierce, from SOCU, said: *"We know criminals will be aware of the activity this week and will see it as an opportunity to fill the void - however we are one step ahead of them. The patrols preventing those coming into the town to supply drugs will continue and I hope that sends a clear message of how difficult it will be to operate there."*

Officers in Ellesmere Port are working with partners to identify local drug users and provide them with help and support. So far eight people have been referred to support services.

Chief Inspector Gary Smith, from Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: *“The positive reaction from the local community has been fantastic and I want to thank the public for their support. I am determined to keep the town safe, protect our communities and prevent any further drug activity. I also know there will be vulnerable people and drug users who will need help. We are working with our partners to engage and encourage them to break the cycle and offer them support.”*

If you have information please contact us either anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Police on 101.

Tourism’ burglars jailed following Cheshire crime spree.

Burglars from Chile who came to the UK to commit crime have been jailed for seven years.

Jorge Pinto Vallejos and Jamie Duarte Vera, who were jailed during a hearing at Chester Crown Court, arrived in the country in September 2019 and claimed that they had come to Cheshire for a long holiday. But this was just a convenient excuse and the pair were actually members of an organised crime gang who specifically travelled to the UK to commit high-value burglaries at luxury homes.



During their stay they went on to commit at least five burglaries at homes in Alderley Edge, Prestbury and Wilmslow in December 2019. The total value of items stolen and damage caused during their crime spree was more than £170,000. Their downfall came just days after Christmas when Vallejos and Duarte Vera attempted to break in to an address off Withinlee Road in Prestbury. It was the second time that the pair had targeted the address, having earlier broken into the property on 18 December and stolen around £80,000 worth of valuables including watches, jewellery, luggage and sunglasses. However, on this occasion, the burglars activated motion sensitive CCTV cameras and an alert message was sent to the owner of the property who was on holiday with his family. After receiving the message he contacted a neighbour and police were called to the address. Local officers attended the property – supported by the National Police Air Service. Following a search, Vallejos and Duarte Vera were both located hiding in gardens near to the address. They were swiftly arrested and an investigation was launched by detectives from Macclesfield CID.

During their enquiries officers established forensic links with further crime scenes and analysed mobile phones and call data. This linked the men to at least five burglaries in Alderley Edge, Prestbury and Wilmslow. A rucksack was also recovered on Prestbury Golf Course which had been abandoned by Duarte Vera which contained a number of tools used to force entry into the addresses – which was all captured on the helicopter footage.



Vallejos and Duarte Vera, both of no fixed abode, were subsequently charged. They appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 19 June where they were sentenced to a combined total of seven years in prison. Vallejos, 27, who pleaded guilty to five counts of burglary and one attempted burglary, was sentenced to 44 months in prison. His co-accused, 40-year-old Duarte Vera, was jailed for 40 months after admitting three counts of burglary, one attempted burglary and going equipped for theft.

Detective Sergeant Simon Mills, who led the investigation, said: *“Vallejos and Duarte Vera are both members of an organised crime gang who came to the UK with the sole purpose of committing crime – this is often referred to as tourism burglary. They were carefully planned with the pair specifically targeting high-value addresses and their aim was to steal as many valuable items as possible before fleeing the area, leaving the country and evading justice. In these five incidents alone they caused damage and stole property worth more than £170,000. Our enquiries have also established that stolen property was then being sent back overseas to contacts in Chile. The impact of their crime spree should not be underestimated. To know that somebody has targeted your home – a place you should feel safe in – broken in and rifled through your property before taking your personal possessions is absolutely sickening. Thankfully, in this case, as a result of the CCTV footage, the burglars being swiftly located and the work of a dedicated team of detectives who pieced together the case, Vallejos and Duarte Vera are now behind bars facing the consequences of their actions. I hope that this outcome provides some comfort and reassurance to the victims following their ordeal.”*



This was the first 'tourism burglary' case in Cheshire and, following the successful prosecution, the force is continuing to work closely with a number of other agencies to help deter any other potential offenders coming into Cheshire to commit crime.

Detective Chief Inspector Clare Coleman, Crime Manager at Cheshire Police, added: *"Prevention is a key part of what we do and, on the back of this case, we are working closely with agencies including Border Force and Manchester to help identify other potential offenders and stop them from coming into the UK and targeting places like Cheshire. As a force we are committed to doing all we can to identify offenders and stop them in their tracks. I hope that this case acts as a warning to anyone who is planning on travelling to Cheshire to commit crime – don't make a wasted journey."*

Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane added: *"The work of organised crime gangs can not only have a devastating impact on the victims involved in the crime but also on the whole community. I would like to praise the work of Cheshire Police officers in this case in bringing the perpetrators of these despicable crimes to justice. I would also urge anyone living in our communities that may have information in relation to the operation of organised crime gangs to report it to police or anonymously to Crimestoppers. With your help, we can disrupt more of this type of crime and make our communities safer."*

If you have any information about this type of crime in Cheshire you can call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Police urge people planning to attend protests to take extra care

Cheshire Constabulary is urging anyone planning to attend a protest this weekend to take extra care to help keep themselves and others safe.

Coronavirus remains a deadly disease and the force is reminding people that restrictions remain in place to prevent its spread, which include not gathering outside in groups of more than six people.

Superintendent Richard Rees said: *"We know people want to make their voices heard. The right to lawful protest is a key part of any democracy, which UK police uphold and facilitate. We have already had a number of protests in recent weeks, all of which have passed peacefully. Where there are plans for any future protests we will ensure proportionate and consistent policing plans are put in place, working with communities and those taking part wherever possible. The rights to protest are well established in this country; however personal responsibility is key. We would urge people to ensure they are fully aware of the regulations that remain in place before they attend and to take every precaution to keep themselves and others safe. We will continue to use common sense and discretion to determine what is reasonable, with officers engaging, explaining, encouraging and, only as a last resort, enforcing. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind people we cannot enforce social distancing and are relying on your good nature and remember to keep two metres apart. Keep in mind the purpose of the regulations and the national effort to protect the NHS and save lives."*

Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane: *"I continue to give my full support to Cheshire residents who want to make their voices heard on this important issue. The protests we have seen in Cheshire so far have passed peacefully and I call for anyone planning to attend events over the weekend to take extra care. We have a duty to ourselves and each other to stay safe and to keep in mind social distancing guidelines in place to protect our NHS and save lives. I wish all the residents of Cheshire a safe weekend."*

NPCC release - Police chiefs to take action on racial inequalities

A small working group of key NPCC leads, chief officers with experience of being people of colour within UK policing and the Chief Executive of the College of Policing have been considering the police response to concerns about racial injustice in the UK and in policing following the death of George Floyd in America and the global debate on racism.

The NPCC will now develop a plan of action looking at issues of diversity and inclusion and concerns about racial inequalities in policing and the criminal justice system, and consult on it.

National Police Chiefs' Council Chair Martin Hewitt said: *Two weeks ago, as leaders of the police service, we gave our reaction to the death of George Floyd. We made clear our determination to tackle racism, discrimination and bias wherever we find it.*

"Since then, our officers and staff have witnessed people from all parts of society across the UK take part in Black Lives Matter events to express their frustration and anger at inequalities and injustices, some of it focussed on the way we police. Over 220,000 people have participated in what have been overwhelmingly

peaceful demonstrations across the UK. Against the backdrop of the Covid pandemic, these protests have been very challenging to police, and it is very disappointing that at a small minority of events officers faced totally unacceptable levels of violence.

“We are listening to the national debate and we are reflecting on our place in it. We are speaking to our staff and will continue listening to what it means to be a person of colour in our service. We will keep engaging with and hearing our communities. We rightly pride ourselves on a police service that is of the community, and polices with the consent of that community. What has become clear is that for some of our staff, and for some of our communities, that is not how it feels. We need to act now.

“How do we make our service more reflective of the communities we serve, and inclusive for our black, Asian and ethnic minority officers and staff? How do we address concerns about use of stop and search and the use of force? These are complex challenges, and they are not new. Much work has been done or is being done to address them and progress has been made. But we fear it is not enough and change is not moving as quickly as it needs to. We need to look at all our programmes of work that impact in this area and be clear about the action we will take and when we will take it.

“In the next few weeks, we will keep discussing and thinking about these complex issues as we develop a plan of action working with all chief constables. This plan of action must be developed and delivered with the help of all parts of the service, and with the support and challenge of our communities – particularly people of colour. We police in an imperfect world and we cannot solve all its issues. We are incredibly proud of our police service and the people in it, but we must always strive to improve and we must use this defining moment to drive lasting changes for the benefit of all our communities - without exception.”

Further information: The NPCC will develop an initial plan of action by the end of July, which will then be consulted on. For more information [visit the NPCC website](#). For the original article please [visit the NPCC news section](#).

Family pay tribute to 18-year-old who died in Haslington bypass collision

The family of an 18-year-old woman who died in a collision on the A534 Haslington bypass between Crewe and Sandbach have paid tribute to her.

Francesca (Frankie) Bugliarello, who lived in Sandbach, was a passenger in a black Vauxhall Corsa car which collided with a heavy goods vehicle parked in a layby at the Wheelock end of the bypass. The incident occurred at around 12.20am on Saturday 13 June. Sadly, Frankie was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her family are being supported by specialist officers and have issued the following tribute to her: *“We will never be able to make any sense of what has happened. Frankie touched many hearts and we want people to remember her for the beautiful girl that she was both inside and out, not for this devastatingly tragic event that took her away from us. She will live forever in all of our hearts. We will welcome all who would like to join us in the celebration of her life when we lay her to rest on Friday 3 July.”*



Two other passengers sustained injuries as a result of the collision. A 17-year-old girl was taken to hospital in an ambulance. She has since been discharged. An 18-year-old woman did not require hospital treatment for

her injuries. The driver of the car, a 17-year-old boy from the Crewe area, was arrested in connection with the incident. He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Officers are appealing for anyone who witnessed or has dashcam footage of the collision, or anything in the lead up to it which may aid their investigation into the incident, to get in touch on 101, quoting IML 728618, or [give the details via our website](#).

Serious and Organised Crime Unit charge 16 men with drug offences following raids across Ellesmere Port, Chester and Wirral

A total of 16 men have been charged with drug offences following an operation by Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) targeting organised crime in Ellesmere Port and Chester.

All 16 have been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs and will appear at Warrington Magistrates Court today (Wednesday 17 June). Mark Cavanagh, 30, of Foxdene, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine) and dangerous driving. Michael Hailwood, 49, of Wellington Road, Wallasey, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Karl Evans, 20, of Hillside Drive, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Hakeem Stockon, 20, of Vale Road, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Liam Roberts, 25, of Wilmslow Drive, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Paul Cusato, 30, of Parklands Gardens, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Anthony Carr, 30, Whetstone Hey, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Derek Silva, 28, Medlar Close, Chester, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A (heroin and cocaine) and possession with intent to supply cannabis. Daniel Riley, 19, of Mancot Way, Mancot, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Adam Arthur, 24, of Station Road, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Curtis McHugh, 22, of Bailey Avenue, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Wayne Roberts, 49, of Dock Road, Birkenhead, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Callum Watson, 23, of Sheepfield Close, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Kyle Williams, 20, of Colemere Court, Ellesmere Port, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Daniel Winnings, 33, of Talbot Road, Dunham-on-the-Hill, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Mark Griffin, 39, of Ludlow Road, Chester, has been charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine) and possession of a Class C controlled drug (amphetamine).

A 34-year-old man from Ellesmere Port and a 27-year-old man from Great Sankey have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. The charges relate to arrests made on Tuesday 16 June as part of a number of early-morning warrants in Ellesmere Port, Chester, Wirral, Dunham-on-the-Hill, Deeside and Warrington in connection with an operation focusing on serious and organised crime and illegal drugs. Following the warrants, local officers carried out patrols to provide reassurance to the community.

Residents urged to remain vigilant following emerging trend of pet fraud across Cheshire

Residents across Cheshire are being urged to remain vigilant when buying pets online following an emerging trend of animal related scams during the coronavirus pandemic.

In recent months, there have been several reports of scammers using websites to advertise a pet and demand payment in advance across Cheshire. Fraudsters are advertising pets such as puppies and kittens for sale online, asking victims to pay a deposit for the pet without seeing them in person. Many scammers are using the coronavirus pandemic as a reason why victims cannot see the animal before purchasing. After a deposit payment is made, criminals may then ask for more cash for insurance or vaccinations. In the end fraudsters fail to provide a pet, leaving some victims out of pocket of over £1,000.

Detective Sergeant Chris Jacques, of the Economic Crime Unit said: *"I would urge people to think very carefully before buying a pet online and be aware of the scams that are circulating at the moment. Sadly this is just one of a number of scams that have been reported to us during the coronavirus pandemic. If you do decide that you want to buy a pet online then be sure to do your research and think about whether you know and trust the person you are buying from. I would urge anyone who believes that they have been a victim of this kind of fraud to report it by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk."*

Key advice:

- Trust your instinct – If you can't physically go to see the animal in person, ask for a video call. If the seller declines, challenge them on why. If you have any suspicions, don't go ahead with the purchase.
- Do your research – Before purchasing anything online look up reviews for the website or person you are buying from. If you're still not sure, ask a trusted friend or family member for their advice.
- Choose your payment method wisely - If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, avoid paying by bank transfer as it offers you little protection if you become a victim of fraud. Instead, use a credit card or a payment service such as PayPal.

Serious and Organised Crime Unit arrest 18 men following raids in Ellesmere Port, Chester and Wirral

Homes in Ellesmere Port, Chester and Wirral have been raided by detectives disrupting organised crime.

The early-morning strike resulted in 18 men, aged between 20 and 49, being arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin. All are currently in custody waiting to be questioned by detectives. Specialist officers are searching 20 addresses including 12 in Ellesmere Port, two in Chester, one in Great Sankey, one in Deeside, one in Dunham-on-the-Hill and three in Wirral which has so far resulted in six cars being seized and controlled drugs being recovered. The police activity comes following a long-running investigation by Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU).

Detective Chief Inspector Giles Pierce, from SOCU, said: *"Today's strike is the culmination of 10 months of evidence gathering in connection with three organised crime gangs suspected of supplying and distributing drugs. The operation not only centred on drug dealing but also involved a vulnerable adult being exploited. One man, who we believe to have been targeted to deal crack cocaine and heroin for organised criminals, has now been safeguarded. The hard work and dedication of officers has disrupted this activity, protected other vulnerable adults and undoubtedly helped to make Chester and Ellesmere Port a safer place for residents who live in these communities."*

Following the raids there will be a visible policing presence in both areas with local officers out on patrol providing reassurance to the public and working hard to prevent other organised criminals filling the void of those arrested. Officers in Ellesmere Port are working with partners – including Housing, Social Services,

Drug Outreach Project, Youth Outreach and others to provide help and support to local drug users and vulnerable people.

Chief Inspector Gary Smith, from Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: *“The disruption of those suspected of being involved in organised crime is fantastic news for those living in our community. Today, there will be officers patrolling the streets to ensure the void is not filled by others wanting to take over. Just as important is the partnership approach we are taking with Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority to identify and speak to those affected by drug use and the related activity to ensure we have support available to help them. This is an opportunity to help people addicted to drugs to take a different path. It is often the lifestyle they become embroiled in that is the hardest to break away from and today we want to give them that chance to break away. While we will continue to do all we can to prevent any further drug activity in the area we cannot do this as effectively without the support of the community. I want to encourage people to keep coming forward to report it so we can make the town a safer place to live.”*

Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane said: *“Preventing and protecting Cheshire’s communities from serious and organised crime has been a key focus of my Police and Crime Plan and I’m really proud of the officers and staff involved in this operation. Today’s strike will undoubtedly make our local communities safer. This work wouldn’t have been possible were it not for the strength of our neighbourhood policing model and the local community intelligence that brings. It is vital that we also address the root causes of these issues and I know our local officers are committed to working with Cheshire West and Chester Council to do just that.”*

If you have information please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Police on 101.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal after takeaway staff are assaulted and racially abused in Widnes

Officers investigating an incident at a takeaway in Widnes are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

Two unknown men entered the premises on Warrington Road at around 7.30pm on Saturday 13 June. After ordering food, they began arguing with the staff. The offenders then assaulted and racially abused two men working at the takeaway before fleeing on foot in the direction of Castle Street. The victims both sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident. One of the offenders was white, around 6’ 4” tall and looked to be aged in his 20s. He had a large build and was wearing a grey top and grey shorts. The other one was black and approximately 6’ tall. He had dark curly hair and was wearing a blue top and grey jogging bottoms. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information or CCTV or dashcam footage that may help their investigation to get in touch.

Sergeant Lee Connor, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *“To be assaulted and racially abused at work, or anywhere else for that matter, is completely unacceptable. I would like to reassure the Widnes community that we are determined to establish who committed these abhorrent offences and bring them to justice. Enquiries*

are ongoing and I urge anyone with any information or footage that may aid our investigation to get in touch with the team here at Widnes Police Station. Perhaps you were outside the takeaway when the incident occurred and saw what happened through the window. Or maybe you have CCTV or dashcam footage of the offenders. We know that there were people in cars in the area outside the takeaway at the time of the incident. We also want to speak to anyone who believes that they may know who the offenders are."

The offences are being treated as hate crimes.

Inspector Becky Stokes, also of Widnes LPU, said: *"We take reports of hate crime extremely seriously at Cheshire Constabulary. We are aware of the significant emotional and personal impact hate crimes have on victims and within our communities. I wish to send out a message of reassurance that those who commit hate crimes will be prosecuted robustly and those found guilty of such offences will rightly find themselves facing harsher sentences to reflect their despicable behaviour."*

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting incident number 20000344441, [give the details via our website](#) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Runcorn man with links to Warrington and St Helens wanted on recall to prison

Police are asking the public to help them trace a man from Runcorn who is wanted on recall to prison.

As well as Runcorn, Dean Hall has links to Warrington and St Helens. The 24-year-old is white and around 5' 6" tall with a slim build. He has black hair and brown eyes. Anyone who sees Hall is advised not to approach him but to instead call Cheshire Constabulary as soon as possible on 101, quoting IML 716039. Alternatively, information regarding Hall's whereabouts can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Police appeal to trace Good Samaritan following sexual assault in Chester

Police investigating a sexual assault at Chester bus station would like to speak to a good Samaritan who may have vital information.

Following the attack, the woman spoke to the 16-year-old girl, who was visibly distressed, and handed her a note with her number, which she has since lost so we can't get in touch with her. The teenager had been sitting at the bus station between 7.50pm and 9.20pm on 1 June when a man sat beside her. At some point the man sexually assaulted the teenager.

DC Faye Taylor said: *"As part of our enquiries we have been looking at CCTV and have seen that a woman who was on the number one Liverpool bus at 9pm that night spoke to the young victim who was visibly distressed. The woman got on the same bus at Upper Northgate Street and had a conversation with her. She passed her number to her, but the victim has since lost the number. I would urge you to please contact me. You have not done anything at all wrong, we just need to speak to you so that we can progress with our enquiries - you may have valuable information. Please call me on 101 quoting IML 719979."*

As part of enquiries a 33-year-old man has been arrested and released on bail pending further enquiries. Anyone with information should contact Cheshire police on 101 or via [\(link\)](#) quoting IML 719979. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal following burglary incident at occupied house in Chester

Detectives investigating a burglary incident in Chester are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

Between 7.30pm and 8pm on Sunday 14 June four males entered an occupied house in Gatesheath Drive. The offenders made the occupants wait in a bedroom whilst they conducted an untidy search of the house. They then fled in a black SUV-type car that was in the nearby Oulton Avenue. It is not yet known if anything was stolen from the house. The offenders were wearing face coverings. Two of them were around 6' tall. One of those had a large build and had a navy coat and dark trousers on, and the other was wearing a blue coat. A third offender was around 5' 4" tall with a slim build and had a brown coat on. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or CCTV or dashcam footage that may aid their investigation to get in touch.

Detective Sergeant Stuart Needham, of Chester CID, said: *"Burglary is a serious offence in which victims are targeted in their own home, which is the place they should be able to feel most safe. Being the victim of a burglary incident is always a deeply upsetting experience, but in this case it was particularly traumatic as victims were at home when the incident occurred. They had to wait in a bedroom as the offenders looked for things to steal. I would like to reassure members of the community that we are determined to establish the identities of the offenders and make them face the consequences of their actions. Enquiries are ongoing and as part of our investigation we want to speak to anyone who was in the area and believes they may have seen the offenders, either before they entered the house or as they were fleeing the scene, first on foot and then via a black car. We also want to hear from anyone who thinks they may know who the offenders are, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them or the SUV-type car they were travelling in."*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 730018, [give the details via our website](#) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after man assaulted during aggravated burglary incident in Widnes

Detectives are appealing for information from members of the public following an aggravated burglary incident in Widnes.

The incident occurred at a house on Montgomery Road between 2am and 3am on Monday 15 June. A small group of males broke into the property and demanded money from the occupier. One of them also assaulted him before the offenders left his house after conducting an untidy search of it. The man was taken to hospital in an ambulance. He has since been discharged after receiving treatment for a head injury he sustained as a result of the incident. Four teenagers from Widnes – a man aged 18 and boys aged 17, 16 and 15 – have been arrested in connection with the incident. After being questioned by officers in custody, they have all been released under investigation pending further enquiries. Various enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with information or CCTV or dashcam footage that may help their investigation to come forward.

Detective Inspector Ian Whiley, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *“The victim was subjected to a terrifying ordeal and required hospital treatment for a head injury he sustained as a result of the incident. I would like to reassure members of the community that we are determined to establish who broke into the victim’s home and assaulted him, and then bring the offenders to justice. We are doing everything we can to achieve those goals. We have arrested four teenagers in connection with the incident, who have all subsequently been released under investigation, and various enquiries are ongoing. As part of our enquiries we want to speak to anyone who was in the area and believes they may have witnessed something that could aid our investigation. Perhaps you saw the offenders before or after they broke into the victim’s house, or maybe you have CCTV or dashcam footage of them. If you have any information or footage that may be relevant to our investigation please get in touch.”*

Information can be given by calling Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 730235, [or via our website](#). Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Man dies following a collision in Disley

Police investigating a serious collision in Disley are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

Shortly after 7am on Friday 12 June a collision occurred involving a LGV and a bus on Buxton Road outside Lyme Park on the A6. The driver of the LGV, a 52-year-old man, sadly died at the scene. His family have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. The driver of the bus and two passengers sustained minor injuries.

Sergeant Helen Cooper, said: *“Sadly a man died in the collision and our thoughts are with his family who are being supported during this difficult time. We are in the early stages of the investigation and our enquiries remain ongoing. In the meantime I am appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time and may have dash cam footage or information to get in touch.”*

If you witnessed the collision, have information to help the investigation or have dash cam footage please contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 727885. Information can also be provided by visiting the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/>

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