

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Man charged following convenience store robbery in Ellesmere Port

A 40-year-old man from Ellesmere Port has been charged following a robbery in the town. Robert Forbes, of Sutton Way in Great Sutton, was arrested on Thursday 14 January. He has subsequently been charged with robbery, dangerous driving and driving without a licence and insurance. The robbery charge relates to an investigation into an incident at a convenience store on Old Chester Road in Great Sutton. No-one was hurt in the incident, which occurred shortly after 7am on Tuesday 12 January. The driving offences relate to an incident that occurred in the Stanney Woods area of Ellesmere Port on Thursday 14 January. Forbes appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 16 January, via a video link. He was remanded into custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 12 February.

Serial shoplifter from Runcorn handed a Criminal Behaviour Order

A persistent shoplifter from Runcorn has been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) in a bid to curb his offending. Alan McCormick, of Bridgeway West, Windmill Hill, has been committing offences in Halton since 1999. The 40-year-old has been convicted of 29 theft-related offences, the latest of which saw him steal items worth a total of £122 from The Shopping City's Wilko store on Wednesday 4 November. In a bid to deter McCormick from committing further shoplifting offences, Halton's Problem Solving team applied for a three-year CBO. The banning order was imposed on McCormick by Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 11 January.



It prohibits him from:

- Entering seven stores in Runcorn – Wilko at The Shopping City and the Co-ops in Windmill Hill, Balfour Street, Halton Road, Grangeway, Murdishaw and Granville Street – and the Asda supermarket in West Lane
- Concealing any item prior to payment at any retail premises in Cheshire.

PC Andy Maskall, of the Halton Problem Solving Team, said: *“Alan McCormick is a persistent shoplifter who blatantly steals large quantities of stock from stores in full view of staff and members of the public. There comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action to protect stores. The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant financial impact on businesses and the last thing that retail premises in Runcorn need is to continue to be targeted by a serial shoplifter like McCormick. CBOs are preventative orders with strict restrictions that are imposed in a bid to stop persistent offenders committing further crimes. They are applied for separately to prosecutions for criminal offences as a last resort, and I am pleased to say that we have seen a significant reduction of offending in Cheshire from those who are subject to a CBO. It is an offence to breach the terms of a CBO. The sanctions imposed for doing so can be severe,*

with the maximum penalty being five years in prison. McCormick has been made aware of this. I hope that the CBO has the desired effect and prevents him from committing further shoplifting offences.”

“David Keane, the police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, added: “CBOs address persistent criminal behaviour by giving repeat offenders strict requirements and prohibitions which they must adhere to, or else they are breaking the law. I am pleased to hear that CBOs, one of many tools Cheshire Constabulary uses in a bid to improve our communities, have been having the desired effect of reducing offending, the number of victims of crime and the demand on the police. I hope that this continues.”

Anyone who encounters McCormick breaching the terms of his CBO over the next three years is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it.

Police from three counties joined forces in crime-fighting cross-border operation

This week Cheshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire Police came together to work on Operation Triplet. The three ‘Shires’ regularly conduct these operations to soften the borders and target the criminals that operate on all three areas and further afield. It’s an incredibly important operation that helps our rural and farming communities, who often feel isolated and vulnerable to criminality, know that we are there for them. Prior to the operation valuable intelligence was shared between the teams, with suspects discussed and vehicles of note recorded.

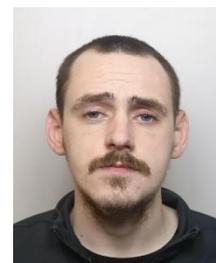
PC Karl Shields who led Cheshire’s side of the operation said: *“The 50 strong team for the operation is drawn from Roads Policing, Community teams, Response Officers, Rural Crime teams and more, which is truly fantastic. This show of strength, helps deny those who are up to no good from having an easy time. For the last twelve months the relationship between the three police services has developed greatly to provide a joined-up approach to policing our communities.”*



During the operation, officers have responded to reports of drones being flown near farms, off road bikes being ridden across fields late at night, suspicious vehicles and more. Numerous vehicles stopped with the occupants spoken to, including on occasion, vehicles stopped by Cheshire Officers just over the border on Staffordshire and Derbyshire. This increase in patrols really helps us keep an eye on remote businesses and the use of the routes across the area. We want to reassure you however that even when the operations aren’t running, this kind of policing is very much the style that has been adopted. PC Shields added: *“It’s so important that we work with our neighbouring forces to help police our vulnerable farming and rural communities, so they can feel safer in their homes. These operations are great at highlighting the cross border policing we carry out 24/7 – reassuring our rural communities that together we’ve got their back.”*

Criminal Behaviour Order amended for jailed shoplifter from Runcorn

A persistent shoplifter from Runcorn has been jailed and is only allowed to shop at two places in the town upon his release from prison. Dominic Lyons, who was most recently living in Fenwick Lane, Runcorn, was handed a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order by Warrington Magistrates’ Court on 10 April 2019. Amongst other stipulations, the CBO banned him from entering the town’s Asda supermarket and three Co-op stores in Runcorn. Since then the now 26-year-old has continued to steal from stores in Runcorn, including at ones he was not prohibited from entering under the terms of his CBO.



Lyons' most recent offences saw him steal:

- Meat and chocolate worth a total of £124 from the Aldi supermarket at the Trident Retail Park on Saturday 19 December
- Meat worth £40 from a Co-op store in Grangeway on Thursday 7 January
- Meat worth £54 from a Co-op store on Halton Road on Friday 8 January.

The offences were all captured on CCTV and Lyons was located and arrested on Whitchurch Way in Runcorn on Monday 11 January. He was subsequently charged with three counts of theft from a shop and three counts of breaching his CBO. Lyons pleaded guilty to the offences at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 12 January. He was jailed for six months and ordered to pay costs of £128, and the conditions of his CBO were amended in a bid to safeguard more stores in Runcorn.

The amended banning order prohibits Lyons from:

- Entering any retail premises in Runcorn other than the stores at The Shopping City and the Premier Store at the Halton Lodge Centre
- Concealing any item prior to payment at any retail premises in Cheshire.

PC Andy Maskall, of the Halton Problem Solving Team, said: *"Dominic Lyons is a prolific offender with a string of shoplifting convictions and has shown no signs of ceasing his criminal behaviour. He has been subjected to the terms of a CBO since April 2019. These are preventative orders with strict restrictions that are imposed in a bid to stop persistent offenders committing further offences. They are applied for separately to prosecutions for criminal offences as a last resort. I am pleased to say that we have seen a significant reduction of offending in Cheshire from those who are subject to a CBO. However, Lyons is one of the few who have continued to offend after being handed a CBO. He has been punished via the courts for this, and magistrates have also now granted our application for the terms of his CBO to be amended to protect more shops in Runcorn. The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant financial impact on businesses and the last thing that retail premises in Runcorn need is to be targeted by a prolific shoplifter like Lyons. When he gets out of prison, he will only be allowed to shop at two places in Runcorn, and Lyons is fully aware that it is a criminal offence to breach the terms of a CBO. The sanctions imposed for doing so can be severe, with the maximum penalty being five years in prison."*

David Keane, police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, added: *"I applaud the Halton Problem Solving Team's efforts to prevent shops in Runcorn from being targeted by this persistent shoplifter. There comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action to protect stores. The team have done this twice, by successfully applying for the initial CBO and then getting the terms changed to safeguard more shops in Runcorn. These banning orders are generally having the desired effect of reducing offending in Cheshire, the number of victims of crime and the demand on the police and I hope that this continues."*

Anyone who encounters Lyons breaching the terms of his amended CBO at any point before 10 April 2024 is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it.

Bury man charged following burglary at Runcorn bakery

A 35-year-old man has been charged following a burglary at a bakery in Runcorn. Michael Farrer, of Lydgate Walk, Whitefield, Bury, Greater Manchester, was arrested in the Bury area at around 10.45pm on Wednesday 12 August. He has subsequently been charged with burglary. The charge relates to an incident at a Poundbakery store in Church Street, Runcorn. It occurred between 5pm on Saturday 1 February and

9.30am on Sunday 2 February. Farrer was issued with a postal requisition ordering him to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 12 January. He was released from the court on unconditional bail and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 9 February.

Five arrested following South Cheshire drug warrants

Police investigating the supply of drugs to HMP Risley have arrested five people. On Wednesday 13 January police conducted five warrants at addresses in Crewe and Alsager as part of an investigation into the supply of drugs to HMP Risley. Two women aged 19 and 25 were arrested at addresses in Kestrel Drive and Pyrus Avenue in Crewe, while two men aged 26 and 31 were arrested at addresses in Woodside Avenue and Grove Court in Alsager. A third man aged 31 was arrested at an address in Waldrons Lane, Crewe. Four drones were seized during the warrants along with drugs and cash.

All five remain in custody helping police with their enquiries.

Man jailed for nine years after being caught discussing drugs conspiracy on EncroChat

A man in Blacon was caught using an encrypted messaging service to communicate on a large scale drugs conspiracy. Richard Marshall, previously of Adelaide Road, used codenames 'Nova-Case' and 'UsefulOx' while accessing EncroChat, a secretive communications network used exclusively by serious and organised criminals.



The 37-year-old is also the first in Cheshire to be sentenced since the bespoke service was cracked by international law enforcement, working with the National Crime Agency, in May 2020. Detectives from Cheshire's Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) analysed the encrypted data used by Marshall and read his messages to other EncroChat users where he discussed buying and selling cocaine and cannabis, between 29 November 2019 and 1 July 2020. The messages also alluded to identifying a lorry being stopped by customs and the loss of a large scale commodity of cannabis in which Marshall was an investor.

On 1 July a warrant was executed at Marshall's home address. After a thorough search a sports bag containing two bags of cannabis, a large quantity of cash and cocaine, devices and drug paraphernalia were seized. Marshall was arrested at the house and conveyed to custody for questioning before being charged later the same day. On Monday 11 January Marshall was sentenced to nine years for conspiracy to supply cocaine and conspiracy to supply and import cannabis.

He was sentenced at Chester Crown Court after pleading guilty at an earlier hearing. DCI Mike Evans, from Cheshire's SOCU, said: *"Marshall's sentencing was centred solely from evidence gained through his use of EncroChat. He believed EncroChat was a safe and secure service that would enable him to message freely and openly without being detected. Therefore his naivety meant he had no choice but to come clean and admit to his involvement in a drugs conspiracy. Marshall is also the first person in Cheshire to be sentenced since we were able to gain access to the encrypted software. Working alongside our partners, the National Crime Agency and the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit, we have been able to be one step ahead of this criminality to make Cheshire a much safer place."*

David Keane, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, said: *"I am pleased to see the first person in Cheshire has been sentenced since this encrypted device, used by many criminals across Europe, was dismantled. This is a positive step for our communities who are often blighted by those involved in serious*

and organised crime and I would like to commend detectives who have been working tirelessly to gather the evidence to ensure justice is served."

Man charged following Chester burglary

Detectives investigating a burglary at an address in Chester have charged a man in relation to the incident. John Armitage was arrested by officers from Chester Local Policing Unit on Tuesday 12 January. The 52-year-old has since been charged with burglary. The charge relate to a burglary which occurred at an address on Gladstone Avenue, Chester, between 5pm on 31 December and 6pm on Friday 1 January 2021.

Armitage, of Canberra Way, Chester, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrate' Court on Wednesday 13 January.

Detectives appeal for information following armed robbery at petrol station in Culcheth

Detectives are appealing for information and CCTV footage after an armed robbery at a petrol station in Culcheth. At around 6.40pm on Wednesday 6 January a man entered the station on Warrington Road and ran towards a shop worker who was near to the till. It is believed that the man was in possession of a hammer. The man managed to grab the till and fled the store. He is described as being 6', aged around his mid to late 20s and was of medium build. At the time of the incident he was wearing a face covering, a black jacket, grey tracksuit pants and black boots and a pair of orange gloves. The victim sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident.

Officers are now appealing for anyone with any information which could help with the investigation to contact Cheshire Police.

DC Joe Davies said: *"This attack left the shop worker shaken and I'd like to reassure the public that we are doing all we can to find the person responsible. A number of enquiries are currently underway and we are particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have seen something that didn't look quite right around the Lodge Drive and Culcheth Hall Drive areas. The same goes for anyone who may have CCTV footage from these areas or may have captured dashcam footage of the petrol station between 6pm and 7pm on 6 January. I would also like to hear from anyone who has any information on who they believe is responsible."*

Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 889609 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Information can also be reported anonymously to 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Residents urged to stay at home after police issue 58 fines over the weekend

Cheshire Constabulary is urging residents to stay at home and stick to the rules after issuing more fines last weekend compared to the month of December. Since the new restrictions came into force last week, the majority of people have been sticking to the rules to help protect the NHS and save lives. Officers have been out and about in local communities continuing their approach of engaging, explaining and encouraging people to comply with the coronavirus regulations. However, over the course of the weekend, a total of 58 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) had to be issued across the county as a result of blatant breaches of the rules. In comparison, a total of 21 FPNs were issued across the county in December. Most of these reports related

to parties and gatherings. A number of vehicles were also stopped carrying multiple occupants who were not from the same household or the Cheshire area and were travelling without a reasonable excuse.

In Crewe, officers had no choice but to issue three FPNs after a BBQ was held at a property while in Chester, eight FPNs were issued to people attending a house party after reports of loud music. In Warrington, four FPNs were issued at a children's birthday party, with one of the adults having travelled from Birmingham to attend. Assistant Chief Constable Jenny Sims said: *"We have been living with some form of restrictions for around 10 months now and we have had to make incredible sacrifices in order to keep the ones we love safe. The majority of people living in Cheshire have been sticking to the rules in place and I would like to thank them for doing so. However, there is a minority who continue to blatantly and repeatedly flout the rules in place. This is not acceptable. Our officers will continue to engage, explain and encourage but when they are met with these persistent rule breakers who have no regard for the safety of others, we must do what we can to protect the NHS and save lives."*

New regulations were put in place on Wednesday 6 January to ensure people stay at home and avoid all non-essential travel – unless it is for one of the following reasons:

- To shop for basic necessities
- To exercise
- To go to work if you cannot do so from home
- To escape risk of harm

People can leave their homes to exercise outside alone, with members of the same household, linked household or linked childcare household (for children under the age of 13). Residents can also meet with one other person who is not a member of a linked or same household for exercise in a public outdoor space. ACC Sims added: *"With the new variant of the virus it is now more important than ever that we follow the restrictions in place and do all we can to stop the spread."*

"The guidance is clear about staying at home. In Cheshire, we are lucky to have a great amount of green spaces and beauty spots but if we are exercising, we must do our best to keep it local. Officers will do their job in keeping you safe and, in turn, we need you to follow the rules and stick to the guidance, which is in place to help protect you – and others. There are other exceptions to the rules which can be found on the Government website. Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane said: "With the new variant being more transmissible than the variant we knew before, we must do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus, protect our NHS and save lives. The majority of people in Cheshire have followed the restrictions which have been in place over 10 months now but we must continue to make great sacrifices in order to protect those in our communities from harm."

For further advice and guidance please visit [the Government website](#).

To report a coronavirus breach visit [the Cheshire Constabulary website](#).

Wilmslow teenager handed Criminal Behaviour Order

An 18-year-old Wilmslow man has been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order after harassing women in the town. Jacob Lewis Reid, from Lacey Green, Wilmslow was given the order on 8 January following earlier convictions for a section 39 assault and two public order offences. The Order will run for two years and if he breaches it, he faces the prospect of prison. The Criminal Behaviour Order bars Reid from entering Wilmslow Town Centre or surrounding streets highlighted in the map.

PC Chris Mullin said: *“Reid has been harassing women in the street and has been causing an unwarranted amount of anti-social behaviour in the town centre - causing misery to those who live and work there.*

“We hope that Criminal Behaviour Order will curb his behaviour and reassure residents that we do take action. If you see Reid in the town centre or in the streets he is prohibited from entering, as shown on the map, contact police on 101. Together we can tackle anti-social behaviour and make our communities a safer place to live and work.”



Three men charged following the discovery of cannabis farm in Runcorn

Three men have been charged after a cannabis farm was discovered at a disused pub in Runcorn.

Erjoni Ramaj, 24, Tafil Ramaj, 24, and Alensio Rucaj, 20, were all arrested in Stone Barn Lane in the Palacefields area of the town shortly after 3pm on Saturday 9 January. They have all subsequently been charged with being concerned in the production of a class B drug. The charge relate to a cannabis farm being discovered at the disused Tricorn pub in Stone Barn Lane that afternoon. The large quantity of cannabis plants inside the boarded up building were seized by officers, as was equipment used to cultivate them.

Erjoni Ramaj, of no fixed address; Tafil Ramaj, of Balcombe Road, Horley, Surrey; and Rucaj, of High Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire; appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court, via a video link, on Monday 11 January. They were all remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 8 February.

Class A drugs dealer jailed following a stop and search in Runcorn

A drug dealer from Liverpool has been jailed after being caught in possession of a total of 43 wraps of heroin and crack cocaine in Runcorn. Peter Wharton pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply the class A drugs. The 42-year-old was jailed for four years at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 6 January. Wharton was brought to justice as a result of a member of the public reporting suspected drug dealing activity in woodland adjacent to Humphreys Close in Murdishaw, Runcorn. An officer who attended the area on the morning of Tuesday 14 July subsequently saw Wharton talking to another man. Wharton matched the description of a suspected drug dealer provided by the member of the public. As the officer approached Wharton and the man he was talking to, they walked to a parked car and got inside. The car began to move away from the area, only for the officer to instruct the driver to stop the vehicle.

At that point the officer witnessed Wharton, who was sat in the back seat, attempting to tuck a package down his sleeve. The car stopped in Humphreys Close, and the vehicle and its occupants were subsequently searched. The plastic package that Wharton attempted to conceal contained 25 wraps of heroin and 18 wraps of crack cocaine. The estimated street value of the drugs is £430. Wharton was also in possession of £850 in cash and a mobile phone. Another mobile phone was found in the car.

Wharton, of Lowerson Road, Liverpool, was arrested at the scene, and when interviewed in custody he claimed he had bought the drugs for his own personal use and that his girlfriend had given him the £850 to buy items for their home. He was charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine). After being made aware of the strength of the evidence that officers had gathered against him, Wharton admitted the charges on the second and final crown court appearance. PC Simon Gibson, who led the investigation on behalf of the Runcorn Local Policing Unit (LPU), said: *"This case is a great example of how information from members of the public can lead to offenders being brought to justice to the benefit of local communities.*

"It also emphasises the importance of the police's power to stop and search people they suspect to be responsible for crime. As a result of our ability to stop the car that Peter Wharton was in and then search him, a class A drug dealer and 43 wraps of heroin and crack cocaine have been removed from our streets. I am pleased that he is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions, and I hope that this case deters others from dealing drugs.

David Keane, police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, added: *"Stop and search powers are vital to the crucial role that frontline officers play in the detection and prevention of serious and organised crime. Officers work tirelessly in their fight against drug dealers who blight communities in Cheshire with their illegal drugs, and I am really pleased to hear that they have secured another good result in this regard. I would like to thank the officers involved in this case for the work they have done to secure this conviction, and I would also like to thank the member of the public who played the key role of reported their drug dealing suspicions to the police."*

On top of his custodial sentence, Wharton was ordered to pay a £190 victim surcharge. Chief Inspector Sarah Heath, of Runcorn LPU, said: *"Class A drugs cause untold damage to the lives of both those who use the drugs and become dependent on them and the wider community who suffer from the resulting crime.*

"Drug dealing in Runcorn or elsewhere in Cheshire will not be tolerated.

"While this investigation has now concluded, our fight against illegal drugs, and those who supply them, continues.

"Intelligence supplied by members of the public is crucial to this fight and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. As this case shows, you will be listened to and we will investigate the matter."

You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 or giving the details online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>.

Alternatively, information can also be given anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for wanted Runcorn man

Police in Runcorn are appealing for information in relation to a 22-year-old man wanted on suspicion of public order offences. If you recognise and see Dean Potter please don't approach him yourself, contact police on 999.

If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 884429. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Runcorn drug dealer jailed after officers seize around £10,000 worth of cocaine

A drug dealer from Runcorn has been jailed after officers found around £10,000 worth of cocaine at a flat in the town centre. Ricky Hope, of Caithness Court, was the only person in the flat in Cooper Street when it was raided by officers on the morning of Wednesday 14 October. The flat contained a substantial quantity of cocaine and two hydraulic presses used to make the class A drug appear pure/uncut. The majority of the cocaine had been packaged into individual street deals.

The officers seized the drugs and the hydraulic presses, as well as digital scales, mixing bowls, spoons and a blender containing cocaine. They also seized mobile phones and around £7,000 in cash from the address. The estimated street value of the cocaine that the officers seized is between £9,845 and £13,810. Hope was arrested at the address. The 29-year-old was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine and being concerned in the supply of the class A drug. He pleaded guilty to the offences as soon as the case progressed to a crown court. Hope returned to Chester Crown Court to be sentenced on Monday 11 January. He was jailed for five years.



DC Adam Murdoch, who led the investigation on behalf of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“Acting on intelligence, we executed a warrant at a flat in Cooper Street on Wednesday 14 October. It was immediately clear that the flat was being used for class A drug dealing. However, the majority of the cocaine we seized, as well as money made from selling it, was hidden inside a safe. Firefighters at Runcorn Fire Station used specialist cutting equipment to open the safe for us. The substantial quantity of cocaine inside it had been split into individual street deals. We were delighted to have intercepted the cocaine before it could be sold on our streets and are equally pleased that Ricky Hope has now been convicted of the drug dealing charges we secured against him. He was caught red-handed and was left with no other sensible option than pleading guilty to the charges. Hope is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions. Removing those involved in the supply of illegal drugs from our streets is of paramount importance as they have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities. Drug dealing in Runcorn or anywhere else in Cheshire will not be tolerated, and I hope this case deters others from getting involved in the supply of illegal drugs.”*

David Keane, police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, said: *“I would like to thank all the officers involved in this case for their hard work in securing this conviction. This is another example of proactive police work leading to a drug dealer and a substantial amount of illegal drugs being taken off our streets. Illegal drugs and those who supply them blight our communities, causing untold damage to both those that use them and the wider society who suffer from the resulting crime. As police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, I know that officers work tirelessly in their fight against drug dealing and I am delighted to hear of this latest successful result.*

DC Murdoch added: *“Although this case has now concluded, our battle against those who supply illegal drugs continues. I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter.*

To report suspected drug dealing, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Man charged following robbery at Ellesmere Port convenience store

A man from Ellesmere Port has been charged following a robbery at a convenience store in the town. Kaya Colakoglu was arrested at his home in Lime Street at around 2pm on Sunday 3 January. The 29-year-old has subsequently been charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article in a public place. The charges relate to an incident at a convenience store on Westminster Road. It occurred at around 8.30pm on Saturday 2 January.

Colakoglu appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Monday 4 January, via a video link. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 1 February.

Man charged in connection with Cheshire and Merseyside burglary series

Detectives investigating a series of burglaries across Cheshire and Merseyside have charged a man in connection with the incidents. Dillon Alan Foreman was arrested by officers from Ellesmere Port BIT team and Wirral TAC team at an address in Birkenhead on Friday 8 January. Following a joint investigation by detectives from Ellesmere Port BIT team and Merseyside Police, the 21-year-old of Charlecombe Street, Tranmere, has since been charged with:

- 5 x residential burglaries
- 7 x attempt residential burglaries
- 1 x attempt burglary non-dwelling
- 1 x theft of Motor vehicle
- 1 x theft from motor vehicle
- 1 x vehicle interference

The charges relate to a series of incidents in Ellesmere Port, Little Sutton, Spital, Tranmere, Hoylake and Higher Bebbington which occurred between Wednesday 30 December and Thursday 7 January 2021. Foreman has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 5 February.

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Man charged with grooming a teenager from Warrington

Officers from Warrington Problem Solving Team have charged a man with grooming a teenage girl from the town. Christopher Edwards was arrested by officers on Friday 15 January after a warrant was executed at his home in Failsworth, Greater Manchester. He has since been charged with attempting to meet a girl under the age of 16 following grooming, engaging in sexual communications with a child and breach of a sexual harm prevention order. The charges relate to incidents which occurred in November and December. He has

also been charged with possession of a class A drug (cocaine). The 37-year-old appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 16 January.

He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 12 February.

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