

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Husband guilty of murdering his wife in Burtonwood stables

A man who brutally killed his wife and tried to cover up his tracks in a bid to outwit police has been found guilty of her murder.

David Pomphret, 51, from Masefield Drive in Winwick, had pleaded guilty to manslaughter during a hearing earlier in the year having been charged with the murder of Ann Marie Pomphret but denied the charge of murder. Police and CPS refused to accept the plea and the case went to trial. Pomphret first appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 30 September for a trial which lasted two weeks. On Friday 11 October a jury concluded Pomphret was guilty of the murder of his 49-year-old wife, Ann Marie Pomphret.



The court heard that on Friday 2 November 2018 Pomphret killed his wife in a ferocious and sustained attack at the stables the family owned at Old Alder Lane in Burtonwood. He then went to great lengths to cover his tracks, discarding the crowbar in the pond nearby, disposing of his bloodstained clothing and footwear, swapping his and his wife's cars around and texting her phone a number of times showing apparent concern as to where she was. That evening, after coming up with a story for his whereabouts that day, he called police to the stables. Inside officers found the body of Ann Marie and an investigation into the violent death was launched.

Pomphret was arrested shortly in the early hours of the 3rd November 2018 and, in a series of interviews with detectives from the force's Major Investigation Team, he maintained his innocence. Due to the manner in which Ann Marie was found, and the extensive injuries she sustained, there had to be no doubt who the perpetrator was in order to rule out a stranger attack. In a bid to ensure that no stone was left unturned to find Ann Marie's killer, detectives and officers from across the force joined the investigation, and worked many hours alongside other specialists from across the county.

CCTV in a two-kilometre radius was checked frame by frame, more than 300 addresses were visited by officers carrying out house-to-house enquiries, 1,300 people and 480 vehicles were logged and checked, while every crime scene officer and manager were tasked with managing a number of scenes and carrying out painstaking forensic examinations. Search officers were enlisted to search the home and nearby land along with the stables for more than a month. The regional Underwater Search Team spent 24 days searching water courses while 200 tonnes of slurry was removed from a pond at the stables and searched for evidence. A crowbar was recovered from the pond, which police say was the weapon Pomphret used to attack his wife with.

Detective Inspector Adam Waller, who was in charge of the investigation, said: "This case was truly shocking and one of the biggest investigations the Constabulary has seen in recent years. The injuries sustained by Ann Marie were horrific and all those involved in this investigation were determined to find her killer and ensure they were brought to justice for their actions. The diligence and determination of every single officer and member of staff who worked on this case paid off and the evidence they tirelessly gathered was so overwhelming that when Pomphret was presented with this after he was charged he couldn't maintain the lie any longer and he was left with no choice but to plead guilty to killing his wife. However, this was after 15 Police interviews had taken place and having spent five months on bail maintaining his innocence. What Pomphret did that day ripped a family apart and he will now have to face the consequences of that behind bars. My thoughts go out to Ann Marie's family who have had to wait until this trial took place and then have the upsetting details laid bare in the media coverage. I hope that, whilst it won't bring Ann Marie back, seeing justice being done will help them in some way. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who spent many hours, weeks and months of their time helping us to get to the truth, not only for Ann Marie's family's, but all those who knew and loved her and for the residents of Winwick, Burtonwood and the wider community."

Widnes man charged with class A drugs offences

A 29-year-old man from Widnes has been charged with class A drugs offences.

Joe Travers, of no fixed address, was arrested by officers in Dean Close, Widnes, at around 2.30pm yesterday, Wednesday 9 October. He has since been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply a class A drug (heroin and crack cocaine). Travers appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Thursday 10 October. He has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 7 November.

Closure order granted on Rudheath property plagued by drugs and anti-social behaviour

A property in Rudheath plagued by anti-social behaviour and illegal drugs activity has been closed down thanks to the work of officers.

On Wednesday 2 October officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit (LPU) were granted a closure order for a bungalow on Comboy Drive. The order, which was granted under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, was applied for after officers gathered a catalogue of evidence in relation to numerous issues at the property, including drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. The occupant of the address, a 67-year-old woman, has now been ordered to leave the bungalow and find alternative accommodation. All its windows and doors have been boarded up and will remain so for three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested.



Sergeant Gary Weaver, of Northwich LPU, said: "This closure order is a positive and proactive response to the concerns of the local community. Prior to the arrival of the woman in May 2018, Comboy Drive was a quiet residential cul-de-sac. However, over the past 16 months nearby residents, many of whom are elderly and vulnerable, have been plagued by persistent anti-social behaviour and drugs offences, which is simply not acceptable. I have no doubt that the closure order is the right result for the community and it will have a positive impact on the area. Local residents can now start to return to normality. This is the third closure

order that Northwich officers have enforced over the past 12 months. I hope that these closures serve as a warning that people who choose to behave in this way can lose their homes as a consequence of their actions.”

Local residents are encouraged to report any concerns to Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Burglar who repeatedly targeted disabled pensioner’s home in Widnes jailed

A burglar from Widnes who repeatedly targeted a disabled pensioner’s house in the town has been jailed.

Daniel Chadburn, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Monday 9 September. The 28-year-old also admitted additional charges of theft and resisting arrest. Chadburn was sentenced for the offences at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday, Monday 7 October. He was jailed for three years and four months and ordered to pay a £181 victim surcharge.



The case against Chadburn began on Monday 19 August when Cheshire Constabulary received a report of the victim’s home on Milton Road being burgled whilst he was sleeping on each of the previous five nights. On one of those nights he woke up to find Chadburn watching television in the living room. Chadburn left when asked to do so, but he returned to the house on the night of Monday 2 September to steal cash and cigarettes, again as the victim slept. Further money went missing from the house on subsequent nights.

In a bid to catch the offender in the act, plain clothes officers were deployed to the victim’s home on the night of Friday 6 September. At both 10.20pm and 10.40pm officers witnessed Chadburn open a window at the address, put his hand inside and then leave. Later that night, at 3.20am, Chadburn entered the house and officers attempted to apprehend him. Chadburn resisted arrested and managed to flee the address following a struggle. He was chased in the streets by the officers and supporting colleagues. Chadburn eventually tried to hide behind a car but the officers had never lost sight of him and apprehended the burglar following a second struggle. When questioned in custody Chadburn claimed that he had stolen from the victim to help pay off a drugs debt. He originally said that he had only been to the victim’s home on two occasions, including when he was caught by police. But after hearing all of the evidence against him, including CCTV footage of the three burglary incidents on the night of Friday 6 September, Chadburn pleaded guilty to all five offences he was charged with at the first opportunity to do so.

Detective Inspector Ian Whiley, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: “Burglary is a serious crime in which victims are targeted in their own home, which is the place they should be able to feel most safe. What makes Daniel Chadburn’s offending particular deplorable is the fact that he continually targeted an elderly man with health and mobility problems. The victim knew Chadburn as a man who pestered him for money and cigarettes. But Chadburn was doing a lot more than that – he was burgling his home whilst the victim slept. The victim had cash and other items stolen from his home on multiple occasions and I am delighted that Chadburn is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions. I hope that the prison sentence imposed by the courts deters others from committing similar offences and that it gives some closure to the victim and enables him to move forward with his life.”

Man charged following Northwich burglary

Detectives investigating a burglary in Northwich have charged a man in connection with the incident.

Jonathan Maddock was arrested on Sunday 6 October following a burglary at an address on Malpas Road on Saturday 28 September. The 38-year-old of Dean Street, Northwich, has subsequently been charged with burglary with intent to steal. Maddock appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court yesterday, Monday 7 October, where he was remanded in custody. He is next due to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 4 November.

Dedicated crime team to protect Cheshire's rural communities

Cheshire Police has put together a dedicated crime team to protect our communities from rural and wildlife crime and bring those who target these areas to justice.

The team has been set up in time for a week of action, which is being driven nationally by the National Police Chief's Councils (NPCC). The week, which started on Sunday 6 October, will see Cheshire's new dedicated rural crime team taking part in cross border operations with our neighbouring forces, working with the local community to gather vital intelligence and tackling issues such as fly tipping and off-road bikes – which can prove a real blight to the rural community. While Cheshire has trained rural and wildlife crime officers, the force has never had a team specifically dedicated to rural and wildlife crime. Forming this team highlights the force's commitment to tackling rural and wildlife crime - an issue that in the past has often been underreported.

Chief Inspector Simon Meegan, the force's rural crime lead, said: "We want the rural community to have the confidence that we are working hard to protect them. We're not just here for our towns and cities, protecting people from rural and wildlife crime is also extremely important to us. Rural crime can have an impact not only on people, but in some cases also affect their livelihoods. The dedicated rural crime team will listen to concerns and ensure that appropriate action is taken. The team will be working with our neighbouring forces and key partners during the week of action, carrying out targeted operations to disrupt and frustrate criminals - sending a clear message that we will not tolerate their activities. Rural communities can sometimes feel quite isolated and keeping them safe is paramount."

The team is made up of a Sergeant, a Detective Constable, six police officers, three PCSOs and volunteers. It will also be supported by members of the Special Constabulary. They will provide the force a specialist capability in investigating rural and wildlife crime, with a particular focus on offences that relate to farms and agriculture, wildlife, the environment, heritage sites and public protection issues within rural communities. The team will also focus on identifying domestic abuse and hidden harm offences, such as modern slavery.

Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane added: "With more than 65 per cent of Cheshire classed as 'rural', I am pleased that Cheshire Constabulary has established a dedicated rural crime team to tackle crime in our more isolated areas head-on. Many of the crimes which occur in rural areas are unique and can have a major impact on not only their victims but their livelihoods as well. That's why it's important that we have a dedicated rural crime team in Cheshire with officers receiving appropriate training to tackle and prevent rural crime."

Latest Cheshire Appeals

CCTV images released following supermarket robbery in Ellesmere Port

Detectives investigating a robbery at a supermarket in Ellesmere Port have released CCTV images of a man they want to speak to in connection with the incident.

Shortly after 11pm on Sunday 25 August a man entered the Tesco store in Sutton Way and threatened staff. He then picked up a crate of beer and left the store without paying for it. The man pushed two members of staff out of his way as he left the store.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives believe that the man in the CCTV images may have vital information to aid their investigation. They are urging anyone who recognises him or thinks they may know who he is to get in touch.



Detective Constable Phill Hunt, of Ellesmere Port CID, said: "We believe that the man in the CCTV images may have important information to help with our investigation into the robbery. If you think you recognise the man or know who he is please call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 496635, give us the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. "I would also like to appeal directly to the man in the CCTV images to get in touch."

Appeal following two burglaries on the same day in Widnes

Detectives investigating two burglaries carried out on the same day in Widnes are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

The burglaries occurred on Wednesday 9 October – on Derby Road between 9am and 8pm and in the nearby Boxgrove Close between 2.30pm and 10.30pm. Offenders broke into the houses whilst no-one was home and conducted untidy searches. A quantity of jewellery was stolen from the address in Derby Road. Nothing is believed to have been stolen from the house in Boxgrove Close. Enquiries in relation to the incidents are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage that may be relevant to their investigations to come forward.

Detective Constable Stuart Clay, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, 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. We are investigating two burglaries in Widnes which occurred on the same day and may well be linked. Enquiries are ongoing and we are determined to establish who was responsible for the burglaries and bring them to justice. As part of our enquiries we are appealing for anyone who was in the area of Derby Road between 9am and 8pm or the nearby Boxgrove Close between 2.30pm and 10.30pm on the day the burglaries occurred and witnessed anything suspicious to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who believes they may have seen, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of, any of the offenders or have information regarding their identities."

Anyone with information or CCTV footage that may help the investigations should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 534906 (Derby Road) or IML 534990 (Boxgrove Close), give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Detectives appeal for witnesses after attempted robbery at Ellesmere Port post office

Police are appealing for witnesses to an attempted robbery at a post office in Little Sutton, Ellesmere Port.

At 8.35pm on 9 October a man entered the post office and store on Chester Road with a knife and demanded staff open the safe. He then tried to get behind the counter but fled when the panic alarm went off. The man is described as wearing dark clothing.

DS Damian Tierney said: "While nothing was taken, this was still a shocking experience for staff at the store. I'd urge anyone with information to contact me, whether you saw suspicious activity, have dashcam footage or information on the robbery."

Anyone with information should contact DS Damian Tierney on 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> quoting IML 534918. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you have dashcam footage you can submit it here: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/>

Murder Investigation launched in Northwich

A murder investigation is continuing following the death of a pensioner in Northwich.

At 3.15pm on Tuesday 8 October police and paramedics were called to Peckforton Way in Castle after concerns were raised for the safety of the occupant. Police and paramedics attended the scene and entered the address, where the body of John Hammerton, 72, was found inside. His next of kin have been informed. A 55-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of murder. He has since been released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

Detective Inspector Kate Tomlinson, of Cheshire Constabulary's Major Investigation Team, said: "A team of detectives are working hard to establish the exact circumstances of what has happened but, at this stage, it appears to be an isolated incident. As part of our investigation we are keen to piece together John's final movements before his death. We know that he returned to the UK on 17 September, following a recent holiday, and we are trying to establish his movements since he returned home. We are also keen to hear from anyone who has seen or heard anything unusual or suspicious in the Castle area – particularly around John's home on Peckforton Way. There are quite a few footpaths near to his home and it is also close to a number of shops and takeaways on Chester Road so people regularly walk through this area. I would urge anyone who has any information, no matter how small, which could assist officers with their enquiries, to get in touch."

Inspector Andy Smith, Neighbourhood Inspector for Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: "Understandably,



the local community will be concerned about what has happened but I would like to reassure those who live in Northwich that incidents of this nature are rare. Officers will remain in the area over the coming days to provide reassurance, and anyone with any concerns is urged to speak to one of my team.”

If you have any information please get in touch by calling 101 quoting IML 533758. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after elderly woman sustain serious injuries in collision in Burland, near Nantwich

Officers are appealing for information and footage from members of the public following a serious collision in Burland, near Nantwich.

The collision involving a blue Honda 4x4 car and a white Volvo articulated heavy goods vehicle occurred on the A534 Wrexham Road shortly before 3pm yesterday, Wednesday 9 October. Two local women – a 79-year-old and an 80-year-old – sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision. The 79-year-old driver was taken to hospital via an air ambulance. The 80-year-old went to hospital in a road ambulance. They are both currently in a critical but stable condition. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and no arrests have been made. Officers want to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or has any other information or dashcam footage which may help the investigation.

Police Constable Iain Condliffe, of Cheshire Constabulary’s Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: “Two elderly women sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision and are currently in a critical but stable condition in hospital. We are determined to establish exactly what happened and I urge anyone who witnessed the incident or anything else that may aid our investigation to contact the team here at the Serious Collision Investigation Unit. The same goes for anyone who believes they have dashcam footage that may be relevant to the investigation.”

Anyone with information in relation to the incident should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 534593, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> . To submit dashcam footage go online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Appeal for witnesses following suspicious incident in Runcorn

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage following a suspicious incident in Runcorn.

Between 3.15pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 3 October two men on a black motorbike were seen acting in a threatening and intimidating manner on Navigation Close. Following the incident the men rode off onto Murdishaw Avenue in the direction of Gorsewood Road. The two men on the motorbike were both white and are estimated to be in their mid-20s, approximately 6’ tall with proportionate builds. The pair were both wearing black helmets and dark clothing.

Detective Inspector Nick Henderson, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: “At the current time we are trying to establish exactly what has taken place and trace the two men involved. As part of our enquiries we are urging anyone who witnessed the incident, or anything else that may be relevant to our investigation, to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who believes they may know who the men are, or have dashcam footage of them. If you have any information or footage regarding the incident please contact us at Runcorn

Police Station on 101, quoting IML 530051.”

Information can also be given via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Appeal for information following ATM attack in Holmes Chapel

Detectives from Crewe CID are appealing for information after offenders targeted a cash machine in Holmes Chapel.

Shortly after approximately 2.50am on Wednesday 9 October police were informed that a JCB had crashed into a cash machine at the Post Office (outside McColls convenience store) on the Square. Officers attended and found that offenders had used the JCB to remove the machine located outside the store. They had then fled the scene with an unknown quantity of cash, travelling in a dark coloured transit van on the A50, London Road, in the direction of Middlewich.

Detective Sergeant Stephen Richardson said: “Our investigation into this incident is in its very early stages and we are committed to doing all that we can to trace the people responsible and bring them to justice. We are currently following a number of lines of enquiry. As part of this we want to hear from anyone with any information which may aid our investigation. The same goes for anyone who believes that they may know who the offenders are, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them arriving at or fleeing the scene.”

Anyone with any information which could assist the investigation is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML-534213, or online at <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> . Information can also be passed anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111. To submit dashcam footage go to <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com/> .

Appeal following altercation in Ellesmere Port

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an altercation between a group of men in Ellesmere Port.

At around 9.15pm on Monday 7 October officers received multiple reports of a disturbance in Parklands. The callers reported a fight between a large group of men, some of whom were possibly armed with weapons. Officers swiftly attended the scene but there was no trace of the group. However, officers did recover a number of possible weapons, including a metal bar and blocks of wood, and found that two cars had been damaged. A dispersal order was put in place to prevent any further disturbances.

Inspector Ian Stead, of Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: “We understand that an incident of this nature will cause concern in the local community and we are committed to doing all we can to trace those involved. At the current time we are in the very early stages of our investigation and we are trying to establish exactly what has taken place. To date, no victims have come forward and there have been no reports of any injuries. As part of our enquiries we are urging anyone who witnessed the incident, or anything else that may be relevant to our investigation, to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who believes they may know who the men are, or have dashcam or CCTV footage of them. We will continue to have increased patrols in the Parklands area and anyone with any concerns is urged to speak to an officer. If you have any information or footage regarding the incident please contact us at Ellesmere Port Police

Station on 101, quoting IML 533173.”

Information can also be given via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com> .

Appeal following serious assault in Nantwich

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Nantwich are appealing for information and footage from members of the public.

The incident, which has left a 40-year-old man from Nantwich in hospital with serious head injuries, occurred inside a house in Blagg Avenue at around 7pm yesterday, Monday 7 October. Shortly after the incident two men and a female were seen leaving the address. They walked along Blagg Avenue in the direction of Meeanee Drive. A 39-year-old man from Nantwich and a 16-year-old girl from Merseyside have been arrested in connection with the incident. The man has been released on conditional bail and the girl has been released under investigation. Enquiries in relation the incident are ongoing and as part of their investigation detectives want to hear from anyone who saw the two men and the female walking away from the scene. They also want to talk to anyone who believes they may know who any of them are, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them.

Detective Inspector Claire Jesson said: “A man suffered serious head injuries as a result of this incident and we are determined to establish precisely what happened and who was responsible and then make them face the consequences of their actions. Enquiries are ongoing and as part of our investigation we are appealing for information and footage regarding two men and a female who were seen leaving the address shortly after the incident. If you saw them, believe you have CCTV or dashcam footage of them or may know who they are please get in touch.”

The 40-year-old man’s condition in hospital is currently described as stable.

Anyone with any information or CCTV footage that may help detectives with their investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 533080, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Appeal for information and footage following serious collision in Widnes

Officers are appealing for information and dashcam footage from members of the public following a serious collision in Widnes.

At around 6.40am today, Monday 7 October, a grey Peugeot 208 car collided with a pedestrian on Hough Green Road, near to the Arden junction. The pedestrian, an 83-year-old woman from Widnes, was taken to hospital via an ambulance. She sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of their investigation officers want to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision. They also want to hear from anyone who believes they may have dashcam footage of the incident or any other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

Sergeant Helen Cooper, of Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: "An 83-year-old woman is currently in hospital receiving treatment for the serious injuries she sustained as a result of the collision. I would like to reassure members of the public that we are doing everything we can to establish how the incident occurred. We spoke to the driver of the car involved in the collision at the scene and other enquiries are ongoing. As part of our investigation we are urging anyone who witnessed the collision to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who was driving along Hough Green Road and believes they have dashcam footage that may aid the investigation. If you have any information or footage regarding the collision please contact us at the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit by calling 101, quoting IML 532477."

Information can also be given via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Appeal after pedestrian sustains serious injuries in Runcorn collision

Officers investigating a serious collision in Runcorn are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

The collision involving a car and a pedestrian was reported to Cheshire Constabulary at around 11.40pm on Saturday 5 October. It occurred by the Riverside Housing Association building in Halton Brook Avenue. Officers attended and discovered that the occupants of the red Fiat Punto involved in the collision had fled the scene on foot and that the pedestrian had sustained serious injuries. The pedestrian, a 62-year-old man from Runcorn, was taken to hospital via an ambulance. His condition in hospital is described as critical but stable.

Two people – a 30-year-old man from Warrington and a 31-year-old woman from Runcorn – have been arrested in connection with the collision. They have both been released under investigation pending further enquiries. As part of their enquiries, officers want to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or has any other information or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation.

Sergeant Andrew Dennison, of Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: "A man sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision and is currently in a critical but stable condition in hospital. We are determined to establish exactly what happened and I urge anyone who witnessed the incident, which occurred shortly after 11.30pm on Saturday 6 October, or anything else that may help our investigation to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who believes they have dashcam footage that may be relevant to the investigation or information regarding where the red Fiat Punto had been prior to the collision. We particularly want to speak to anyone who was in a white hatchback car as well as a female pedestrian who was carrying an umbrella. They were both seen in the area at the time of the collision."

Anyone with information in relation to the collision should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 531561, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Robbery at a shop in Ellesmere Port

Detectives investigating an attempted robbery at a shop in Ellesmere Port are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

At around 10pm on Friday 27 September two men entered a supermarket on Hope Farm Road armed with a weapon and made threats to staff inside. The men then attempted to steal from the ATM machine by tying it to a waiting vehicle. Their attempt proved unsuccessful and the vehicle then left the area onto Hope Farm Road in the direction of the A41.

Detective Constable Phill Hunt, of Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: "As part of our investigation we're following a number of lines of enquiry to locate the men involved. These men undoubtedly intimidated and scared staff while brandishing a weapon and we're really keen to find them. I want to encourage the public to come forward if they have information – no matter how small. Also, if you have any dash cam footage around this time and in this area or if you saw suspicious activity then I want to hear from you."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 524633, provide information through the force's website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/> or anonymously via Crimestoppers <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> Dash cam footage can be submitted online here <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage/>

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