

West Bromwich Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Entries in this publication generally relate to events that have occurred over the previous 6 days. Personal details of individuals related to our dealings are not disclosed, in compliance with the Data Protection Act (1998). If you have any further queries, please email the team, and we will get back to you.

COUNTY LINES WEEK

The week commencing 17th May 2021 marked the start of West Midlands Police's "County Lines" week – a dedicated operation designed to disrupt drug dealing across the country, by targeting dealers, couriers and other parties involved in the transport and sale of illegal drugs. Across the force, almost fifty addresses were searched as a result of warrants, and thousands of pounds worth of drugs and illicit cash were seized.

One of the notable warrants of this week came from West Bromwich (pictured), where a search warrant under Section 23, Misuse of Drugs Act, uncovered a small quantity of cannabis, four 'burner phones' and a quantity of mixing agents often used to dilute class A drugs.

The majority of addresses were searched in the early hours of the morning, with our hopes being that the offenders would still have been in bed – as the offender was at his home address in West Bromwich! He had to hurriedly put on some clothes before being escorted out of his address in front of the cameras. The mobile phones were seized from his address, along with the cannabis – due to the amount of cannabis, the offender was offered a Community Resolution instead of being arrested.



MALE ARRESTED FOLLOWING HIGH STREET DISORDER

A male was arrested following a disorder on the High Street on 29th May, in an incident where several police officers and a security guard were assaulted.

Two officers responded to reports of a male being aggressive on Duchess Parade, attempting to calm down the male when they arrived. Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful, and the male proceeded to act aggressively towards the officers and security guard. Due to the significant risk of harm the male was posing, officers were forced to use Pava spray to incapacitate the offender, who at this time was grappling with both officers and the security guard.

More officers quickly came to the aid of our colleague, and the male was placed in the back of a van and taken to custody. The male continued to play up during his transit to custody and after his arrival, assaulting another two officers.



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CRACKDOWN ON VEHICLES USED BY OFFENDERS

Over the past two weeks, the team has focused on targeting vehicles used by offenders in the West Bromwich area, in a bid to disrupt criminal activities. These have included a vehicle being used fraudulently by a disqualified driver, several vehicles being used by an uninsured driver, a vehicle taken by an offender without his mother's consent, and several vehicles being involved in drug dealing and drug supply. As it currently stands, the team has a list of over twenty vehicles that we are on the lookout for in the West Bromwich area, with a steady stream of intelligence helping us to expand this list – whilst removing the vehicles from the list that we have seized.

MALE ARRESTED FOR RACIALLY AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

On Sunday 30th May, a male was arrested for a racially aggravated assault, following an incident close to Greet's Green Park in West Bromwich.

Initially, officers had approached the male to ascertain his details, as a relative of the initial victim had pointed him out. However, the male refused to co-operate with officers, refusing to provide his details – giving officers no choice but to place him under arrest. In response to this, the male began to verbally abuse the officer who had handcuffed him, launching a tirade of insults based on her race, gender and other personal details. Furthermore, after being placed in the back of the police car, the male proceeded to spit all over the interior of the vehicle and urinated on the seat – resulting in him being charged with both a racially aggravated public order offence, and criminal damage to the police vehicle.

**WANTED MALE ARRESTED FOLLOWING FOOT CHASE**

A male was arrested on Thursday 27th May after he tried to make off from officers on foot, on West Bromwich town centre.

Officers had stopped the male to speak with him due to suspicious activity and signs of drug use, and asked the male for his name. He responded to this by attempting to run away from officers, before making a poor attempt to hide from them after they had lost sight of him. When he was handcuffed, the reason for his bid for freedom became apparent – he was wanted for failing to appear at court! As such, he was arrested and remanded into custody for this offence.

