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Sussex Alerts – Hastings and Rother Police

Hastings Police

A man who stabbed three people in Hastings town centre in an unprovoked attack has been sentenced.

The 46 yo male who made threats to two men not known to him at a late-night restaurant in Havelock Road.



He then confronted them and stabbed the two men in the chest, a woman working nearby intervened and was also stabbed in the arm, all three victims required hospital treatment, including one man for a collapsed lung.

One victim said: “I don’t know why we were attacked, all we did was walk past him, and once he had started having a go I could tell he was looking to get into a fight.”

The suspect male tried to hide the knife in a bin inside the restaurant, but this was recovered by officers.

He was swiftly arrested and was charged with three counts of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, and one count of possession of a bladed article in public.

The 46 yo, of no fixed address, admitted the charges when he appeared before Lewes Crown Court in November last year.

He appeared for sentencing at Hove Crown Court on March 19, where he was jailed for life, to serve a minimum term of eight years.

The court was told how the incident happened at about 2.40am on October 19 last year.

Two men walked past the male, and he then followed them and made threats, during the course of an altercation, he took out a knife and stabbed the two men, and a woman who tried to intervene to help.

One victim described the long term impact of having ongoing pain and nightmares as a result of the unprovoked attack.

The other two victims described the impact of their injuries as ongoing with hospital treatment and stab wounds.

Speaking after the case, Detective Sergeant Auryn Liddiard said: “This was an unprovoked and violent attack using a blade.

“The victims at first had not realised they had been stabbed because the male had concealed the knife.

“He then tried to discard it in a bin.

“But thanks to the courage of the woman who intervened, and the professionalism of police officers who were on an active patrol of the town centre, he was swiftly arrested.

“Evidence was quickly gathered which showed he had carried out the stabbing and discarded evidence.

“As a result, he had no choice but to plead guilty when presented with the evidence of his actions in court.

“We are pleased that a violent and dangerous offender has been taken off our streets and will serve a significant prison sentence.”

Repeat shoplifter charged.

A man has been charged after a supermarket was repeatedly stolen from in Hastings.

Following reports that the Co-op in Parkstone Parade was being repeatedly targeted by a shoplifter, between February 19 and March 13, a man was arrested on March 13 on suspicion of theft from a shop.



On March 18, a 40yo male from Hastings was charged with 21 offences. He was charged and remanded at Brighton Magistrate's Court.

He has since been bailed with strict conditions, including not to enter any Co-Op Store in Hastings. He is due to appear back in court on the May 8.

Prolific offenders cause the most harm to businesses, and we understand the financial and personal impact of shoplifting on business owners, employees and the wider community.

We are resolute in our efforts to effectively tackle business crime in the area, and we will continue to ensure that offenders are held accountable.

Communities and businesses are encouraged to continue reporting offences to Police at the time [online](#) or via 101, and by calling 999 in an emergency.

Latest update (25th March) to incident in St. Leonards.

The emergency operation in the A259 in St Leonards has now concluded after all the chemicals found in a property were safely removed from the scene.



A major incident was declared on Thursday (20 March) and a 100m cordon set up after hazardous substances were discovered in a house.

The cordon has now been removed and the road has reopened to the public.

A police presence will remain in the area to carry out additional investigation inside the property and to provide visible reassurance to the public.

Follow-up communications are planned for all impacted residents, and our partners will continue to work together to support a full return to normality.

The emergency operation is now concluded and there are no plans to issue further ongoing updates at this time.

A 28-year-old local man was arrested and subsequently detained under the Mental Health Act.

Enquiries are ongoing, but there is currently no evidence to suggest the incident was terror-related, linked to large-scale drug production or any sinister motives.

Detective Superintendent Steve May said: “We know this incident has been disruptive and concerning for the local community and I would once again like to express my thanks for the patience and support shown to us by the public.

“Multi-agency operations such as these are complex and rely on the collaboration and determination of many people, all working with public safety as their number one priority.

“Through the Sussex Resilience Forum we have robust, well-rehearsed plans for major incidents, and that preparation has been crucial to ensuring this incident was resolved safely.

“Thank you to all of our partners for their support, as well as the police officers, staff and volunteers for their hard work, commitment and diligence.”

Sussex Police extends its thanks to all the agencies involved, including the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team; East Sussex, Kent, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Services; East Sussex County Council; Hastings Borough Council; the Environment Agency; South East Coast Ambulance Service; the Department for Environmental and Rural Affairs; the UK Health and Security Agency and East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

Rother Police

Youth related crime and ASB.

Police in Bexhill have stepped up patrols to address anti-social and criminal behaviour involving groups of young people.

Two teenagers were arrested yesterday when PCSOs recognised them, after an attempted robbery of a boy in Bexhill.

The 16-year-old victim was assaulted as he walked along Westcourt Drive just before 6.30pm on Monday evening (March 10). Three suspects assaulted the victim and attempted to steal his backpack. Fortunately, the boy managed to escape when a passerby intervened.



A 16-year-old boy from Bexhill and a 16-year-old boy from St Leonards were arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery. They remain in police custody at this time.

One of the arrested individuals was found to be in breach of existing bail conditions.

Previous arrests for similar offences in the area have resulted in several suspects receiving Community Protection Warnings and Criminal Protection Notices, which restrict them from associating with certain members of their group.

The investigation remains ongoing. We kindly request that members of the public refrain from speculation regarding the identities of those arrested.

Additional patrols will continue in the area.

We ask the community to please contact us on 101, or 999 in an emergency, if they have any information regarding recent incidents in Bexhill or believe anyone is involved in criminal activity or anti-social behaviour.

Operation Downsway 2025 survey

Help us to understand road safety issues that are impacting your community.



You can help us by filling in [this survey](#) and telling us what's happening on the roads in your local area.

This information will help us build a picture of where we need to tackle road safety issues and how we monitor our summer road safety intensification, Operation Downsway.

This year, between April and September officers from teams across the force will take part in the dedicated operation, providing a highly visible and unmarked presence on the road network in Surrey and Sussex, engaging, educating, and taking enforcement action where necessary.

By engaging with road users, we aim to continue to reduce the number of collisions and deaths on our roads.

The survey will be live for the whole of April.

Criminal damage in Sidley.



Earlier this month we attended a meeting at Sidley Recreation Ground with representatives from Bexhill AAC Football Club to address the ongoing issue of unauthorised vehicles accessing the grounds and causing criminal damage. We were joined by a volunteer from 'Jump Club', who is collaborating with the football club and Rother District Council (RDC) to find a solution to this persistent problem.

The extensive damage to the grounds has become a significant concern, as the continuous repairs are severely depleting the club's resources.

We will remain vigilant in the area with further patrols, and we encourage members of the public to contact us on 101 if they witness any vehicles within the grounds.

Can you help us identify these two people?

We'd like to speak to them in connection with the theft of £500 worth of chestnut and oak logs from Forestry Coppicing in Chestnut Wood, Rye, between 5 and 7 March.



The suspects were seen driving a red Toyota Hilux with ladders on the roof and a logo on the driver's door.

The first suspect is described as aged between 40-60 years, average build, around 5'10", with shaved or very short hair. He was wearing a long-sleeved purple jumper.

The second suspect is described as aged between 16-22 years, slim build, with dark hair which is longer on top. He was wearing grey tracksuit bottoms, an orange reflective jacket and dark trainers.

If you have any information, please call 101 or report it online, quoting crime reference 112 of 09/03.

Contact us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click www.sussex.police.uk, (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you do not require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Speak to us face-to-face at a police station or contact the local policing team at www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.

