

Epsom man jailed for sexual attacks on lone women

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A man who preyed on lone women has been jailed for 10 years after pleading guilty to three sexual assaults, two common assaults and breaching his Sexual Risk Order (SRO).

Warren Morton 23, from, East Street, Epsom, was sentenced on Tuesday (24 May), at Guildford Crown Court. As well as the prison sentence, he was also given a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO), with prohibitions.

The most recent assault occurred on 30 June 2021 whilst Morton was on court bail for assaults he had committed in 2020. A woman in her 20s reported that she had been attacked in a wooded area on Epsom Common close to the Wells Estate. She was walking along a wooded pathway on the common when Morton attacked her from behind, causing her to fall backwards onto the floor.

The woman managed to fight back and free herself. She immediately contacted the police and flagged down a dog walker. Morton ran off out of the common and back towards Epsom town centre.

Morton also pleaded guilty to an assault on 16 September 2020, when he approached a woman walking along a street and grabbed her buttock from behind. The woman confronted Morton and he made off. A short time later, on the same day, Morton approached a girl under the age of 16. She challenged Morton's behaviour and he fled the location.

Morton also pleaded guilty to a further attack on 28 July 2020, when he followed a woman into an alleyway and grabbed her from behind, causing her to fall on her back, before kissing her and making off.



Warren Morton, 23, who has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Detective Constable Hollie Say, who investigated the incident, said: "The fact that Morton is behind bars for 10 years reflects the seriousness of his offending, which continued despite the fact that he had been given a Sexual Risk Order and was on bail for previous similar offences. Knowing that he will be in prison for a significant length of time will hopefully allow the victims to begin moving on with their lives.

"This man's predatory behaviour simply cannot be condoned and knowing that is off the streets will reassure the local community that his offending has been curtailed."

If you have been the victim of a sexual assault and you would like advice, please go to Surrey Police's web page here <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/advice/rape-sexual-assault-and-other-sexual-offences/>

Teenagers charged over Epsom burglary

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Two 16-year-old boys have been charged after taking part in a burglary in Epsom

The incident took place on Saturday 14th May.

Sergeant Adam Staplehurst said: "Our residents' safety is our priority, and we are committed to investigating reports of crime within the Epsom and Ewell area."

A spokesperson for Surrey Police said: "Two 16-year-old boys have been charged after a burglary in Epsom on Saturday, 14 May. The two boys, one from Epsom and one from Carshalton, have both been charged with burglary and aggravated vehicle taking."

"They are next due to appear in court on 1 June 2022."

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A man who tried to murder his acquaintance and was only scared off from continuing his attack after passers-by stopped to help his victim, has been sentenced to time behind bars.

On the morning of 23 September back in 2021, Vadim Scintei, 19, stabbed his victim in the chest after a minor verbal argument on Blenheim Road, Epsom. After the victim staggered away covered in his own blood, Scintei followed and circled him on his bike until members of the public, including a doctor, stopped to help. He was then spooked and fled the scene.

Scintei, of Malden Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, appeared at Guildford Crown Court on Thursday 19 May, where despite initially claiming he had been set up, he pleaded guilty to attempted murder and possession of a bladed article, and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

The sentencing on Thursday, 19 May, concludes a comprehensive investigation by Surrey Police's Criminal Investigation Department.

Detective Sergeant Betchley, who lead the investigation said,

"This was a violent and unprovoked attack that the victim was extremely lucky to survive. Thanks to the quick thinking and bravery of members of the public, the victim was able to make a full recovery but understandably has been left traumatised by this attack.

“The investigation team worked quickly to ascertain what had happened and only a few days after the incident on 25 September, Vadim Scintei was charged with attempted murder and possession of a bladed article. Scintei will now spend a long time behind bars where he belongs.”

Surrey Police appeal for witnesses following burglary on Kingston road

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Image: Surrey Police

Were you in the Kingston Road area of Epsom on Monday afternoon (9 May)?

If so, you may be able to help them following the theft of a vehicle from an address on Kingston Road.

Suspects broke into the property sometime between 1.20 and 2 pm and carried out an untidy search of numerous drawers and cupboards before making off with a grey BMW which was parked on the driveway.

The suspects are believed to have headed off onto the A240.

Surrey Police would like to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and who may have seen anything that could help with their enquiries.

If you have any information that may be able to help, please contact Surrey Police quoting PR/45220049025 via:

- Webchat on their website <https://www.surrey.police.uk/>
- Online <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
- Calling them on 101

If you do not wish to leave your name, please call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses after assault on Waterloo Road, Epsom

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Surrey Police are appealing for witnesses after an assault on Waterloo Road in Epsom on Sunday, 8 May.

The assault took place in the early hours of Sunday morning, at about 12:30am, near to the junction with Station Approach. During the assault, the victim was knocked unconscious and sustained a number of injuries, including a broken leg, and a cut to the back of the head.

Surrey Police would like to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and who may have seen anything that could help with their enquiries.

As part of their investigation, Surrey Police would like to speak to a couple seen in the area at the time. The man is described as being in his 20s, around 5ft 4 tall and of a slim build. He was seen wearing a white t-shirt and dark blue jeans. The woman is described as being of a slim build, around 5ft 2 tall, with dark shoulder-length hair. She was seen wearing a grey and white top.

If you have any information that may be able to help, please contact Surrey Police quoting PR/ 45220048617 via:

- **Webchat on their website <https://www.surrey.police.uk/>**

- Online <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
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Witness appeal after burglary in Epsom

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Surrey Police are appealing for help to find and speak with a man in connection with a burglary of a residence that took place in Epsom on April 9th (Saturday).

The burglary took place on Chessington Road at around 12:15 PM. It's believed that two suspects made their way into the property through the front door, after which they stole the victims car.

The police believe that the man seen in the image may be able to help identify the suspects and aid their investigation.

Dressed in a dark jacket with a baseball cap on, the man appears to be caucasian and clean-shaven. If this is you, or someone you know/recognise, please get in contact with Surrey Police as soon as possible through

- Live webchat on their website: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/>
- Their online reporting tool: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
- Calling 101

CCTV appeal following assault in Epsom

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Surrey Police are appealing for assistance in identifying two people who may be able to help them with an assault investigation in Epsom. Officers were called at around 4 am on Sunday, 3 October 2021 following reports that three men had been assaulted on Waterloo Road between Nando's and Epsom Grill. The injuries the victims sustained included bruising, grazes on their face and body, a black eye and an injured knee. Officers have been investigating the assault since it occurred in October, their enquires have recently led them to identify the two witnesses pictured above.

PC Tom Brock said: *"Through the course of our investigation we've identified two people who we believe may have witnessed the assault. We're keen to speak with them both to understand more about what happened. We know the quality of the images is poor but we wanted to release them in the hope someone may recognise themselves or a friend."*

The first person is described as a white male with short brown hair and facial hair. He was wearing glasses, blue jeans, a black padded jacket and black trainers. The second person is described as wearing a long black padded coat with a fur hood pulled over their head.

If you recognise the people in the images or have any information which may help, please get in touch with Surrey Police quoting PR/45210104209 via:

- Webchat on their website [surrey.police.uk](https://www.surrey.police.uk)
- Online <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
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Catalytic Converter Theft - What can we do?

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Theft of catalytic converters in Epsom is a serious and longstanding issue for our area, despite repeated reassurances from the police that they are tackling this issues - can we truly feel safe leaving our cars unattended in Epsom?