

NaVCIS Freight Bulletin: 020 of 02/10/2026

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The fortnightly NaVCIS Freight Crime Intelligence Bulletin provides relevant & up to date information and intelligence to Police & the Logistics Industry for the Prevention and Detection of Crime



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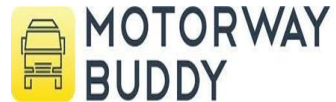
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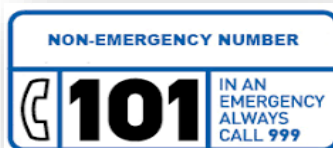


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NaVCIS Freight Alerts and Updates are also available through Twitter
@ NaVCIS_UK

UK NATIONAL - HGV & CARGO CRIME - 2026 YTD



- ❑ **1,892** – HGV & Cargo Crime notifications in 2026
- ❑ **£43.5 million** – Estimated cost price loss value from HGV & Cargo Related Thefts in 2026
- ❑ **£22,991** - Average cost price loss value per incident

NaVCIS receive notifications of HGV & Cargo crime from Police, Hauliers, Businesses, Insurers, Cargo Surveyors & Industry Associations

If you are a victim of HGV / Cargo related crime please contact 101 and report to Police
also notify us freight@navcis.police.uk

POSITIVE OUTCOMES



Image Credit: Cheshire Police

NaVCIS ARE WORKING WITH NCATT – STOLEN CARGO RECOVERY



SURREY – HGV CURTAIN SLASH THEFT – COBHAM SERVICES M25



Image Credit – Adobe – MaksymFilipchuk

Overnight Wednesday 02/09/2026 – Thursday 03/09/2026
at Cobham Services M25

HGV Curtain Slash Theft

High Value Construction / Measuring Equipment Stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Curtain Slash Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
0800 555 111

Appeal from NaVCIS Bulletin 019 of 18/09/2026

NaVCIS are working with NCATT

NaVCIS Bulletin 019 of 18/09/2026
appealed for information in relation
to a Curtain Slash Theft from HGV at
Cobham Services M25 on 03/09/2026
– surveying equipment stolen

On Tuesday 22/09/2026 – NCATT
working in partnership with NaVCIS
& North Yorkshire Police

**Recovery of THREE of the
stolen devices in North Yorkshire**

Enquiries on going

WEST YORKSHIRE – DRUGS & STOLEN CORNFLAKES – FOUR MEN JAILED

Men jailed over large-scale drugs enterprise



Five men have been sentenced after more than 34kg of drugs and 41 boxes of stolen cornflakes were seized during raids across West Yorkshire.

Leeds Crown Court heard on Friday how Kyle Bates, 34, spearheaded the drugs enterprise and worked with his stepfather Alan Tonks, his stepbrother Shane Gray, his cousin Mark Bates and Mark's neighbour Reece Britnell to deal drugs nationwide.

"Significant amounts" of cannabis, ketamine and cocaine were seized from properties linked to the group in Pontefract and Darrington, alongside Rolex watches and weapons.

The court heard during one of the raids Kyle Bates told officers, "What's up? It's only weed," before throwing cannabis out of a window.

During subsequent searches of the home in Western Avenue in Pontefract, officers also found cocaine and several Rambo-style knives.

Prosecuting, Rhianydd Clement told the court that a handwritten dealer list was also found which showed debts of significant quantities including amounts of £14,000.

The prosecutor said that Kyle Bates, who has 20 previous convictions including some for drug offences, was on licence for causing grievous bodily harm with intent when he was arrested.

The court was told analysis of the defendants' mobile phones revealed messages consistent with the supply of drugs and that the men had been working together.

Clement said: "Phone evidence supported that Kyle Bates was dealing in large quantities... and they show that Kyle and Alan Tonks were working together to supply drugs."

Raids at other addresses linked to the men found varying amounts of drugs, cash as well as cutting agents and other drug paraphernalia.

The court was told in another raid in December, officers searched a property at Adwick Terrace in Pontefract where Gray was located.

There, police seized crack cocaine, cocaine and cannabis as well as a survival knife and knuckle duster.

Referring to the cornflakes, the court was told the boxes were being transported in an HGV and the driver had parked on Green Lane in Pontefract where he fell asleep in his cab.

He was then woken in the early hours by an officer who informed him his lorry had been broken into.

The prosecutor said CCTV showed the suspects returning to the HGV over a three-hour period and that one of the vehicles used in the theft was insured to Gray.

The boxes of cornflakes were later found stashed in a rented out unit at West End Farm in Darrington.

Kyle Bates, 34, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine, cannabis and ketamine and two offences of possession with intent to supply cocaine and cannabis.

The father-of-two was jailed for nine years and three months.

Mark Bates, 38, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine, cannabis and ketamine and possession of criminal property.

He was sentenced to six years and nine months imprisonment.

Alan Tonks, 47, of no fixed abode, admitted being concerned in possession with intent to supply cocaine, cannabis and amphetamine.

Tonks was jailed for six years and nine months.

Reece Britnell, 24, of no fixed abode, admitted possession with intent to supply cannabis.

The court heard he had never been in trouble before but found himself "sucked in" because of his use of cannabis.

He was given a six-month sentence.

Shane Grey, 38, of no fixed abode, admitted being concerned in the supply of cocaine, cannabis as well as possession with intent to supply cocaine, production of crack cocaine and handling stolen goods.

He was jailed for five years.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE / BEDFORDSHIRE – HGV CRIME – TWO ARRESTED



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire



BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE



NaVCIS Library Image

NaVCIS are working with Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Early hours Tuesday 29/09/2026 – Cambridgeshire Constabulary responded to a suspicious IVECO HGV Curtain Sider travelling along the A1 Buckden, Cambridgeshire

The IVECO was suspected of involvement in an earlier theft from HGV at South Mimms Services M25

The IVECO was “stung” and brought to a stop and **two men from Leeds arrested**

Enquiries are on going

APPEALS / AWARENESS



ESSEX – HGV TRAILER HOOK UP THEFT – STANFORD-LE-HOPE



Image Credit – Adobe – nsit0108

On 10/09/2026 at Stanford-Le-Hope

HGV Trailer Hook Up Theft

Consignment of Arcade Games Stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Trailer Hook Up Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
0800 555 111

SUFFOLK – HGV TRAILER HOOK UP THEFT – FELIXSTOWE



Image Credit – Adobe – RONY

Early hours Thursday 17/09/2026 at Felixstowe

HGV Trailer Hook Up Theft

Consignment of Fireworks stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Trailer Hook Up Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
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THAMES VALLEY – HGV JUMP UP INCIDENT – A34 OXFORDSHIRE



NaVCIS Library Image

Early hours Saturday 19/09/2026 at A34 Oxfordshire

Suspicious Activity – white van pulled in front of lorry in transit

Victims lorry was forced to slow down

Upon arrival, at delivery location, it was found that the Security Seal had been removed from trailer

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Jump Up (In Transit) Thefts to freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on 0800 555 111

STAFFORDSHIRE – THEFT OF HGV – STOKE ON TRENT



Image Credit – Adobe – darshika

DX63VEA

On Monday 21/09/2026 at Burslem, Stoke-On-Trent

Theft of HGV

Blue DAF Curtain Sided Lorry

**** ALWAYS CHECK PNC PRIOR TO ANY RECOVERY****

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – HGV CARGO THEFT – TROWELL SERVICES M1



Image Credit – Adobe – arinahabich

On Monday 21/09/2026 to Tuesday 22/09/2026
at Trowell Services M1 Southbound

HGV Cargo Theft

Consignment of Alcohol / Cocktails Stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Cargo Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

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BEDFORDSHIRE – HGV CARGO THEFT – TODDINGTON SERVICES M1



Image Credit – Adobe – Carballo

On Monday 21/09/2026 to Tuesday 22/09/2026
at Toddington Services M1 Northbound

HGV Cargo Theft – locks cut

Consignment of Jackets and Shoes / Boots Stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Cargo Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
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DERBYSHIRE – HGV CARGO THEFT – DERBY SERVICES A50



Image Credit – Adobe – boule1301

Overnight Thursday 24/09/2026 to Friday 25/09/2026
at Derby Services, A50

HGV Cargo Theft – seals and locks cut

Consignment of Kitchen Appliances Stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Cargo Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
0800 555 111

MERSEYSIDE – HGV TRAILER HOOK UP THEFT – KIRKBY



Image Credit – Adobe – sabelskaya

Early hours Wednesday 30/09/2026 at Kirkby

HGV Trailer Hook Up Theft – preloaded trailer stolen

Large consignment of Vodka Stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Trailer Hook Up Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
0800 555 111

SURREY – HGV CURTAIN SLASH OFFENCES – COBHAM SERVICES M25



Image Credit – Safe Park App – Library Image

Early hours Thursday 01/10/2026 at Cobham Services, M25

Report of multiple HGVs having Curtains Slashed

A consignment of Wood burners was stolen & later recovered

No arrests made

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Curtain Slash Thefts to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously
on 0800 555 111

AVON AND SOMERSET - SUSPICIOUS MAN HGV



Avon and Somerset
Constabulary



NaVCIS are working with Avon and Somerset Police who are appealing for information in relation to a suspicious & possibly stolen **MAN HGV (pictured)** which may be linked to recent Plant Machinery Theft

NaVCIS are not aware of any recent MAN HGV thefts

INTELLIGENCE REQUEST – for any recently stolen MAN HGVs

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to the MAN HGV pictured or any recently stolen MAN HGVs to freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on 0800 555 111

PARTNERSHIPS / PREVENTION



PREVENT – PROTECT – PREPARE: REPORTING AND INTELLIGENCE

We are now entering the busiest period of the year for the supply chain, known as Peak. With high value and desirable goods being moved around the UK.

The risk of freight crime and supply chain offences generally increases this time of year making it more important than ever to prepare, prevent and protect your loads and your drivers.

Please report ALL offences (and attempts) or any suspicious activity to Police either via:

- **999 if it's a crime in progress or suspects are still nearby or**
- **101/online if the offence has already happened/no risk.**

Please notify NaVCIS of all incidents (after you have reported to the Police) via freight@navcis.police.uk



Image – Adobe - Lawrey

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR BUSINESS – CAN PREVENT BECOMING A VICTIM CONTACT freight@navcis.police.uk

PREVENT – PROTECT – PREPARE : ASHFORD TRUCKSTOP



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 ANPR BARRIER SYSTEM Automatic number plate recognition at entry and exit.	 FLOODLIT SITE Bright LED lighting throughout for maximum visibility and safety.	
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For more information - please visit

www.ashfordtruckstop.co.uk



PREVENT – PROTECT – PREPARE: NaVCIS ARE WORKING WITH NaCTSO

NaCTSO – National Counter Terrorism Security Office / National Aviation & Maritime Security Unit

- One of the police hosted units that supports the 'Protect and Prepare' strands of the government's counter terrorism strategy, CONTEST.
- It **aims** to reduce the risk to the UK, its citizens and interests overseas from terrorism.
- seeks to 'protect the UK from terrorism, by providing accessible expert advice, and guidance to government, policing, industry, and the public on counter terrorism protective security and preparedness.
- NAMSU supports government departments, policing, industry and security partners by developing and maintaining guidance & frameworks that strengthen preparedness, interoperability & operational response.
- In support of CONTEST, NAMSU works to reduce risk, mitigate impact and improve resilience through assurance, learning, training, exercising and expert operational advice.

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PREVENT–PROTECT–PREPARE: NaVCIS ARE WORKING WITH INCOGNITO SECURITY

- 🛡 Established 2002 and cover UK, Eire and EU.
- 🛡 Worked in freight industry for over 22 years.
- 🛡 Professional SIA Security Operatives all DBS checked and regularly vetted.
- 🛡 Offering tailored bespoke security services.
- 🛡 Provides asset protection security escort services for high value/risk loads.
- 🛡 24/7 monitoring centre with GPS tracking, panic alarms and CCTV fitted as standard in all their fleet.
- 🛡 TAPA members and adherence to TAPA standards.

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