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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



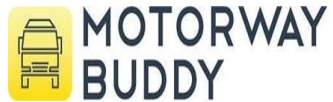
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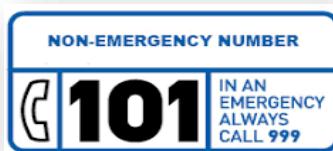
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NaVCIS Freight Alerts and Updates are also available through Twitter
@ NaVCIS_UK

UK NATIONAL - HGV & CARGO CRIME - 2026 YTD



- ❑ **751** – HGV & Cargo Crime notifications in 2026
- ❑ **£15.9 million** – Estimated cost price loss value from HGV & Cargo Related Thefts in 2026
- ❑ **£21,171** - 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

RECOVERY AND REPATRIATION - NETHERLANDS



Image Credit – Adobe - Ronstik

NaVCIS have been working with Insurance Investigators for several months in relation to a stolen Lorry Load of Cosmetics which was reported to Hertfordshire Police in September 2025

Following liaison with Insurance Investigators, NaVCIS, Hertfordshire Police and the POLITIE in the Netherlands

The stolen consignment of goods have been recovered in Holland and repatriated back to the UK

The Stolen Goods will be repatriated with their rightful owner

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

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on 0800 555 111

ESSEX - STOLEN PHARMACETICAL GOODS - RECOVERY



Medicines &
Healthcare products
Regulatory Agency

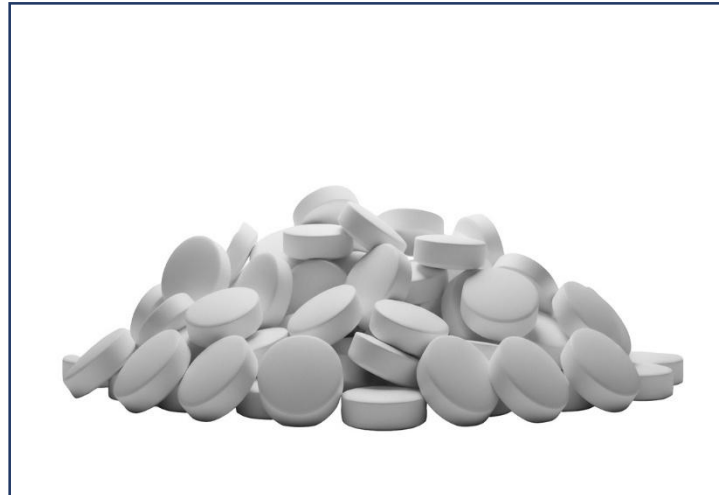


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NaVCIS are working with Essex Police & Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

At the end of March 2026, NaVCIS was contacted by Essex Police around a recovery of a pallet of high value pharmaceuticals / controlled drugs

Assistance was requested to establish the provenance of the drugs which was suspected may have been stolen from a Lorry or Warehouse Burglary

NaVCIS have been working with the MHRA and it has been established that the recovered Pharmaceuticals are stolen from a Freight Crime which occurred in Witham, Essex in April 2023

Enquiries are on going

APPEALS / AWARENESS



THAMES VALLEY – THEFT OF HGV CARGO – OXFORD SERVICES



Protecting Our Communities



Image Credit – Adobe – lamtui7

Overnight Thursday 09/04/2026 – Friday 10/04/2026
at Oxford Services M40

HGV Cargo Theft

Consignment of Designer Clothing 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

LANCASHIRE – HGV TRAILER HOOK UP THEFT – CHORLEY



**Lancashire
Constabulary**
police and communities together



Image Credit – Adobe – SnowElf

Early hours Monday 13/04/2026 at Chorley, Lancs

HGV Trailer Hook Up - Cargo Theft

Consignment of Boilers Stolen

Enquiries are on going

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

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
0800 555 111

MOVING CARGO THEFT – KINGSBURY TO GLASGOW



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE



NaVCIS Library Image

Overnight Monday 13/04/2026 – Tuesday 14/04/2026

HGV Moving Cargo Theft between Kingsbury and Glasgow

Consignment of Mobile Phones Stolen

The matter was reported to Staffordshire Police

Enquiries are on going

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

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
0800 555 111

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – HGV CURTAIN SLASH OFFENCES – WATFORD GAP M1



Northamptonshire
Police



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Early hours Friday 17/04/2026 at Watford Gap Services M1

HGV Curtain Slash incidents

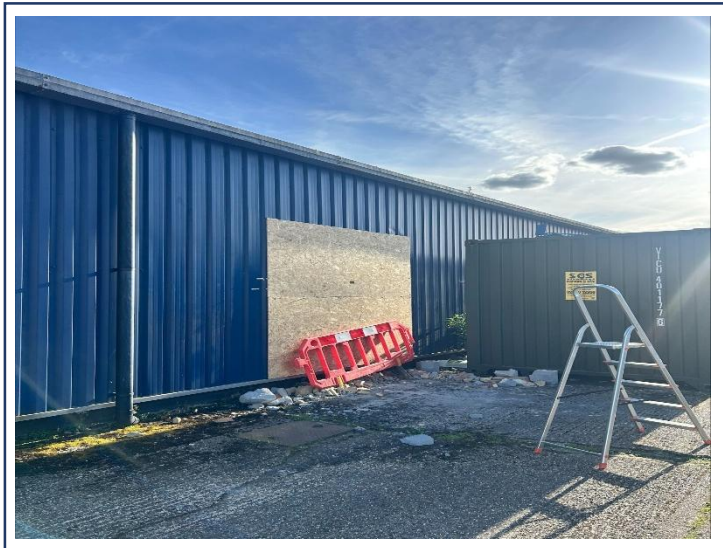
FOUR Lorries had curtains slashed

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

HAMPSHIRE – HOLE IN THE WALL WAREHOUSE BURGLARY - PORTSMOUTH



Picture from scene

On Monday 23/03/2026
at Fitzherbert Spur, Portsmouth

Hole in the Wall Warehouse Burglary **(pictured)**

Electrical goods stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to Warehouse Burglary to
freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously
on 0800 555 111

CAMBRIDGESHIRE – HGV THEFT OF CARGO – BRAMPTON HUT SERVICES A14



Image Credit – Adobe – Krtola

Overnight 21/04/2026 to 22/04/2026
at Brampton Hut Services A14

Theft from Lorry whilst driver was sleeping

Consignment of Shampoo Stolen

Enquiries are on going

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

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on
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WARWICKSHIRE – ATTEMPTED MOVING CARGO THEFT – M69 JUNCTION 1



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On evening Friday 24/04/2026 at Junction 1 M69

Attempted Moving Cargo Theft – hole cut in door during Transit

It is thought that this occurred around Junction 1 M69 area

Monitored CCTV & Reinforced Trailer Door prevented access – nothing stolen - Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to Moving Cargo Theft to freight@navcis.police.uk

Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted Anonymously on 0800 555 111

**PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT WHILST IN TRANSIT DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS
WARWICKSHIRE / LEICESTERSHIRE / NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AREAS**

GLOUCESTERSHIRE – HGV TRAILER HOOK UP THEFT – SHARPNESS DOCKS



Gloucestershire Constabulary



Image Credit – Adobe – stockphoto-graf

Early hours Monday 27/04/2026
at Sharpness Dock, Gloucestershire

HGV Trailer Hook Up Theft – preloaded trailer stolen

Consignment of Beer stolen

Enquiries are on going

Any information in relation to HGV Trailer Hook Up Theft to
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MOVING CARGO THEFT – LEICESTERSHIRE TO LONDON

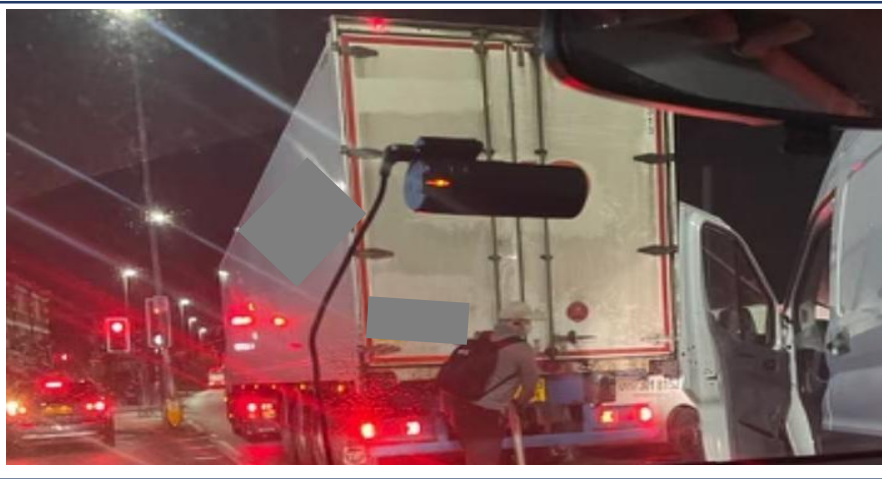


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During early hours Wednesday 29/04/2026 -
HGV arrived at a Distribution Hub at London City

HGV was carrying high end electronics & mobile phones
and was found to have been entered on the route
between Leicestershire and London

Unknown what items are outstanding - Enquiries are on going

**Any information in relation to HGV Moving Cargo Thefts to
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PARTNERSHIPS / PREVENTION



PREPARE - PROTECT - PREVENT : ROUTE PLANNING

Route Planning is vital for both security and operations. Avoiding high risk areas and planning stops with secure parking contribute to minimising the risk to the driver and the load.

Consider the following:

- **The value of the load and type of trailer used (hard sided/curtain sided)**
- **Are you transporting high value goods at the same time along the same routes on a regular basis?**
- **Has the driver been briefed on high-risk areas?**
- **Have parking stops been planned and secure parking been booked in advance?**
- **Could team drivers be utilised for high value/risk loads to avoid stopping for a long period of time?**
- **Is there a contingency plan in place?**

NaVCIS are working with Trusted Partners around **Route Planning & Parking**

Motorway Buddy & the **Safe Park App** are mobile technology platforms that incorporate up to date **NaVCIS freight crime data** to produce hotspot mapping of the UK enabling businesses to plan accordingly.



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

PREPARE – PROTECT – PREVENT: RHA ROADWAY PODCAST – FREIGHT CRIME



To View the Podcast – search and click on You Tube

RHA Roadway Podcast
Roadway – The Podcast: Episode 11 Freight Crime:
Understanding the Risks and Solutions

This week NaVCIS Freight was featured on the
Road Haulage Association (RHA) – Roadway Podcast

NaVCIS Intelligence / Freight Lead Nigel Collins joined host Richard Smith (Managing Director) at the RHA to explore one of the most pressing challenges facing the transport and logistics sector today — **freight crime**, and how operators can **better understand, prevent and respond** to it.

Richard and Nigel are joined by Ashton Cull from the RHA, Chris Holloway from Motorway Buddy to share expert insights into how freight crime is evolving and what the industry can do to tackle it.

Any information in relation to Freight Crime to
freight@navcis.police.uk

PREPARE – PROTECT – PREVENT: SECURE TRUCK PARKING

Investing in safety at the UK's oldest truck stop

For the third consecutive year, TheStop at The Hollies has achieved the Safer Parking Freight Award (formerly Park Mark Freight Award), the highest standard in truck stop safety and security in UK.

Overseen by the British Parking Association and local Police, the prestigious industry accreditation recognises Certas Energy's commitment to deterring haulage crime and improving driver welfare.

Since ownership in 2021, Certas Energy has invested over £800k into enhanced safety and security measures at The Hollies, including:

- 80 new CCTV cameras and body cameras for security staff
- Infrared surveillance
- ANPR number plate recognition technology
- LED flood-lighting, new security fencing and high-security parking bays
- Women's only changing-facilities, showers and toilets.

Certas Energy plans to expand and invest in existing infrastructure in 2026, in addition to acquiring ten new Truckstops over the next few years. TheStop at the Hollies will serve as a model for providing secure, high-quality parking facilities for drivers throughout the UK.



UK's oldest truck stop invests in modern measures to tackle crime

FORECOURTtrader



UK's oldest truckstop The Hollies gets revamp

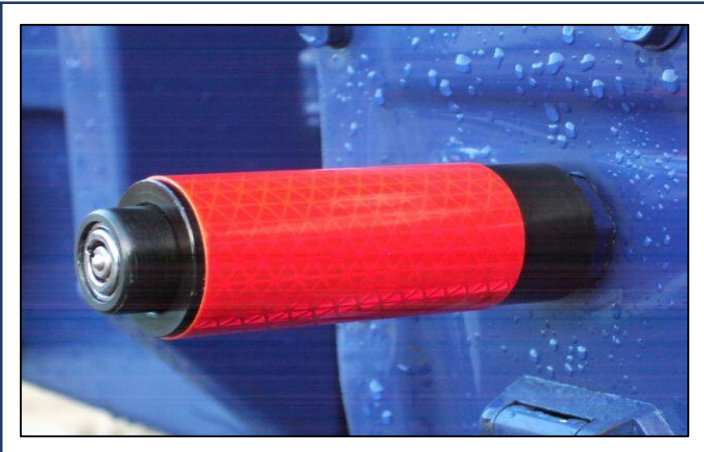


This is to certify that
The Hollies Truckstop
Managed by
Certas Energy UK Limited

Has achieved the
**SAFER PARKING
FREIGHT AWARD**



PREPARE – PROTECT – PREVENT: HGV TRAILER HOOK UP THEFT ADVICE



Some of these incidents have been avoidable

- * Avoid where you can leaving preloaded trailers in yards unsupervised on weekends
- * Consider use of Suzie Trailer Coupling locks / King Pin Locks

CARGO AT REST IS CARGO AT RISK !!!!!!!

During 2025, NaVCIS was notified of **176 incidents** of UK HGV Trailer Hook Up Theft

Incidents of HGV Trailer Hook Up Thefts from yards & distribution centres

KEY TIMES – Weekends – when skeleton staff or no staff present on site – unattended Preloaded Trailers Stolen

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