



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:10/03/2026

2026/255 - Illegally altered devices

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please could you tell me the number of people arrested for using or distributing illegally altered devices, such as Amazon Firesticks, to access premium channels over the last three years. I believe this may fall under Section 11 of the Fraud Act 2006.

Please provide figures by calendar year (2025, 2024, 2023) and 2026 to date if held. If five years of data are held, please provide that. If possible, please break down by those arrested for using and distributing the devices.

North Wales police do not hold any information in relation to your request as there was a 'nil return'.

If possible - and held in a searchable format - please provide me with the number of arrest records containing the words "Amazon Firestick", "firestick" or "fire stick".

2021-2026 - Arrests under HO code 053/46 or KW search of Circ of Arrest matching "firestick" or "amazon firestick" or "fire stick":

Calendar Year	HO Code	Reason Desc	Circ of arrest
2023	028/03	Burglary dwelling - with intent to steal (recordable)	DP HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BURGLARY - CALLED TO FLAT NO SIGNS OF FORCED ENTRY. SMART WATCH IN AMAZON PARCEL, AND FINGERPRINTS LIFTED FROM INSIDE THE PARCEL, 2 AMAZON FIRE STICKS ...
2025	034/01	Robbery (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FRO ROBBERY AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS. CIRRS ARE THAT DP HAS BEEN AT A PROPERTY EARLIER THIS EVENING, WHILST AT THE PROEPRTY HE HAS THREATENED VICTIM WITH A KNIFE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN A PS4, A MOBILE PHONE, AND A FIRESTICK
2025	092/61	Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis / Cannabis Resin (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FRO ROBBERY AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS. CIRRS ARE THAT DP HAS BEEN AT A PROPERTY EARLIER THIS EVENING, WHILST AT THE PROEPRTY HE HAS THREATENED VICTIM WITH A KNIFE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN A PS4, A MOBILE PHONE, AND A FIRESTICK

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2025	008/31	Harassment - breach of a restraining order on conviction (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	039/00	Theft from the person of another (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	092/21	Cultivate cannabis plant a class B controlled drug (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	092/50	Possess a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	105/01	Assault by beating (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	149/00	Criminal damage to property - value under £5000 (recordable)	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	809/01	Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	DP ARRESTED FOR DV ASSAULT DAMAGE AND BREACH OF HARASSMENT ORDER , SILENT 999 CALL THEN FEMALE ASKING FOR POLICE, ON POLICE ARRIVAL VICTIM REPORTS SHE HAS BEEN SPAT AT, HE HAS STOLEN HER HOUSE KEY FIRE STICK AND DAMAGED HER FENCE THUS BREACHING HIS RESTRAINING ORDER
2025	030/02	Burglary other than dwelling with intent to steal (recordable)	DP ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BURGLARY AND COMMON ASSAULT, ATTENDED EX PARTNERS AND FORCED HER WAY IN THE PROPERTY AND ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN A FIRESTICK AND ALLEGED TO HAVE ASSAULTED HER
2025	105/01	Common assault (recordable)	DP ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BURGLARY AND COMMON ASSAULT, ATTENDED EX PARTNERS AND FORCED HER WAY IN THE PROPERTY AND ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN A FIRESTICK AND ALLEGED TO HAVE ASSAULTED HER
2025	195/21	Bind over - commit breach of the peace	DP HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR A BOP - CIRCUMSTANCES H/A ADDRESS WHERE DP RESIDES WITH HIS DAD, VERBAL ALTERCATION OVER A AMAZON FIRE STICK. DP WAS ASKED TO LEAVE ADDRESS BY POLICE AND WITHIN AN VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME DP RETURNED HOME AND CAUSES ISSUES.
2025	028/03	Burglary dwelling -	OFFENCE: BURGLARY DWELLING. CIRCS: AT 1730 DP HAS GONE INTO HIS PREVIOUS ADDRESS AND HE HAS TAKEN PROPERTY

	with intent to steal (recordable)	INCLUDING A TV, FIRESTICK AND REMOTE, SEVERAL AFTERSHAVES, £320 IN CASH AND A BANK CARD.
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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 09/03/2026