



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:05/06/2026

2026/566 - Physical threats for online access

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please give annual figures from April 2021-April 2026 for the following:

- The number of physical assaults/kidnappings/threats of physical assault to obtain access to a victim's online banking (please break down by reports, arrests, charges and convictions)

- The number of physical assaults/kidnappings/threats of physical assault to obtain access to a victim's cryptocurrency accounts. This is known as a 'wrench attack'. Please break down by reports, arrests, charges and convictions.

We have conducted a search of all Violence Against the Person (VAP), robbery and burglary offences which contain either "Online Bank", "Crypto" or "Wrench attack" in the summary text. The results have been reviewed to ensure relevance to your request;

Reported Date	Offence HO Group2	HO Description	Outcome	Summary	Arrest
Jun-24	03. Violence without injury	Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	*** DOMESTIC *** KNOWN OFFENDER HAS ASSAULTED I.P, HIS ONLINE BANKING APP TO STEAL FROM HIS ACCOUNT, STOLEN HIS BANK CARD, AND OTHER BELONGINGS BY REFUSING TO RETURN THEM, ETC.	No
Jul-25	02. Violence with injury	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	IP has been assaulted by her partner ... It was also alleged that whilst the suspect alone, he has gone onto the IP's phone and accessed her online banking and has transferred money from her bank account however the IP has since confirmed she received this money back	No

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Apr-26	03. Violence without injury	Threats to kill	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	IP REPORTS THAT HER NEIGHBOURS HAVE BEEN SHOUTING AT HER THROUGH THE WALLS AND HAVE ASKED HER FOR PASSWORDS FOR HER ONLINE BANKING WHICH SHE HAS GIVEN AND NOW CAN'T ACCESS HER ONLINE BANKING. THE IP ALSO REPORTED THAT THE SAME SUSPECTS HAVE ALSO MADE THREATS TO KILL HER WHICH HAVE CAUSED DISTRESS.	No
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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 05/06/2026