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Four Arrested in £1M Burglary Gang Probe Following Major Police Raids.

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In a dramatic turn in a nationwide burglary investigation, police have arrested four suspects believed to be part of an organized crime gang responsible for over £1 million in stolen goods from luxury homes across the UK.

On the morning of Wednesday, July 2, officers from several police forces, including Staffordshire Police, Derbyshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police, and Cheshire Constabulary, executed coordinated raids on properties as part of Operation Ambler, an ongoing investigation led by Macclesfield's Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

More than 30 officers took part in the operation, which resulted in the arrest of three Albanian men, aged 27, 28, and 39, along with a 33-year-old British woman. All four are now in police custody on suspicion of conspiracy to commit burglary.

The investigation centers around at least 37 high-value burglaries carried out between October 2024 and March 2025. The homes targeted were in areas such as Willaston, Alderley Edge, Prestbury, Macclesfield, and other affluent parts of Cheshire, as well as locations in Durham, Cleveland, West Mercia, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire.

These were not random break-ins. According to detectives, the group went to great lengths to carefully plan their crimes, breaking in through first-floor windows and doors to avoid detection, and ransacking homes for luxury goods. During the raids, officers recovered several high-end items, including designer watches and handbags.

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox of Macclesfield CID, who has been leading the investigation, said the arrests followed months of hard work and coordination across police forces. “These raids are the result of a detailed and thorough investigation into a highly organized group,” she said. “The offenders have gone to significant effort to avoid being caught, but this operation shows we will go just as far to bring them to justice.”

DS Fox added that the total value of stolen goods from all 37 burglaries is estimated to exceed £1 million, with over £400,000 worth taken from just ten Cheshire homes.

Detective Inspector Dave Jarvis echoed those sentiments, highlighting the emotional toll these crimes have on victims.

“Burglary is not just about stolen items; it deeply affects people’s sense of safety in their own homes,” he said. “Our teams are fully committed to making sure communities in Cheshire and beyond feel protected.”

As the investigation continues, police say the arrests are a significant breakthrough and hope this brings some comfort to those affected. Officers also issued a clear message: no matter where criminals hide, they will be found and held accountable.