

# Cannabis seized by police

✘ Police in Edinburgh have seized cannabis with an estimated value of £135,000 in two raids that took place at addresses in the Capital last week.

The first cultivation was discovered at an address in Forrester Park Gardens last Thursday 26 April 2012. Approximately £115,000 worth of cannabis was discovered within the address, along with £1,795 in cash.

A 22-year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with the discovery, and he appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Friday, where he was released on bail.

The second cultivation was discovered the following day, in Roseburn Street.

On this occasion, cannabis worth approximately £20,000 was seized. No arrests were made, and further enquiry is underway in order to trace those responsible.

A Lothian and Borders Police spokesman said:- “These discoveries serve to highlight the continued use of residential premises for cannabis cultivation, and we would encourage anyone who suspects that a property in their neighbourhood is being used for this purpose to contact police.

“Properties that have been converted to cultivate cannabis will produce large amounts of heat, continually use strong lighting and will likely have their curtains closed or windows blacked out.

“To provide the necessary power for a cannabis cultivation, growers often tamper with electricity circuits, which increases the risk of electrocution or fire, and the chemicals produced during the cultivation process can also be incredibly

hazardous.

“The proceeds of these operations line the pockets of serious and organised criminals whose activities spread misery in local communities, and we welcome any information that can help us identify and dismantle cannabis cultivations.”

Anyone with any information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.