

Two youths arrested for stealing mobiles

Police have arrested and charged two youths in connection with a series of alleged mobile phone thefts and robberies that have taken place in Edinburgh.

The arrests, which were made on Tuesday, comes as part of Operation Arable, an ongoing initiative targeting street robberies in the Capital.

The two males, aged 15 and 16, have been arrested and charged in connection with a total of 12 alleged robberies that took place between March and April this year.

Most of the incidents happened in the city centre, and involved either lone female victims or tourists having their mobile phones or other items stolen.

A report has been sent to the Children's Reporter and Procurator Fiscal regarding the two individuals.

Detective Chief Inspector Gary Cunningham, who is leading the initiative, said: "Approximately 60 people have been arrested as part of Operation Arable since it got underway in early February, a number of whom have been remanded in custody awaiting court appearances.

"Lothian and Borders Police is committed to protecting people from the threat of street robbery, and Operation Arable will continue to focus on bringing criminals to justice, as well as preventing such crimes from happening in the first place.

"We invite people to help us protect our communities from muggers by supplying us with information on those who they think are responsible for such crimes. Rest assured that any information received will be acted on, and treated in the

strictest confidence.”

Anyone with information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 31 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.