

Drugs seized at Waverley Station

£10,000 worth of drugs were recovered following a joint operation between Lothian and Borders Police and British Transport Police in Edinburgh yesterday.

The activity took place at Waverley Train Station and Edinburgh Bus Station and is part of Operation Astrodome, the festive anti-crime initiative in the city centre. Specialist officers and police search dogs conducted a number of searches of people and property throughout the day.

At one point during the activity, a man who was carrying two bags spotted officers and made off from the station, leaving the two bags behind. Around £10,000 worth of herbal cannabis was found within the bags, and further enquiry is now ongoing to trace the man who made off. He is described as being a black male aged between 20 to 30 wearing tan/ fawn coloured shoes and a dark jacket and trousers.

Inspector Gill Geany from Lothian and Borders police said: "This operation was put in place to ensure people coming into Edinburgh can enjoy all that the city has to offer safely.

"Partnership working with colleagues from the British Transport Police was crucial to its' success and the recovery of the drugs found. This is a great result and I hope that, with the public's help, we will trace the suspect who these drugs belong to. Operation Astrodome is now in its 5th year and is so far proving successful in tackling crime in the city centre.

"We will continue to carry out high-visibility patrols, while also using CCTV and other crime detection and prevention techniques in order to deter criminality and ensure members of the public are kept safe.

Anyone who recognises the description of the suspect should contact Lothian and Borders Police immediately on 0131 311 3131 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.