

£20,000 confiscated from Musselburgh drug dealer

At Haddington Sheriff Court yesterday, a Confiscation Order for £20,790 was made against Craig Shaw, from Musselburgh, who was previously convicted of dealing cocaine.

On 21 March 2012, officers searched Shaw's home address in Musselburgh, when two bags containing cocaine weighing 13g and 11g were recovered. These were estimated to have a wholesale value of £2,300. During the search four bundles of money each containing £5,000 were recovered concealed within a speaker.

A search of the bedroom occupied by Shaw recovered a further £790 in cash.

Shaw pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine at Haddington Sheriff Court on 20 March 2013, and he has now been sentenced to 3 and a half years imprisonment.

Lindsey Miller, Head of the Serious and Organised Crime Division (SOCD), said:- "Shaw was discovered with large amounts of cash and drugs in his home address.

"His plea of guilty to the charge of dealing in drugs allows our specialist forensic accountants to assess the entire six years of his finances prior to the date of the offence. After that investigation, a total of £41,836.27 could not be accounted for by legitimate means and was therefore deemed to be proceeds of his crimes.

"Today we have the opportunity to recover over £20,000 from Craig Shaw, which represents the full amount which is available to us at this time.

"If any other cash or assets come to light in the future the Crown can ask the court to recalculate the confiscation order up to the total amount of the benefit recorded.

“This money will be added to the £80 million already gathered from Proceeds of Crime and will be re-invested by Scottish Ministers through the CashBack for Communities programme.”