Incident in Southhouse Square

Police have been involved in a stand off in the south of Edinburgh for around five hours today where a male is reported to be holding women hostage in a flat.

Police attended the scene on Southhouse Broadway just after 5:00pm, and the incident is ongoing.

One local who asked not be named said:- "He's an older guy who has just had a breakdown. He has lived here for years and is harmless. He has a big dog and lives with his three daughters."

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: - "Police in Edinburgh responded to an address to in Southhouse Square to a male whose behaviour in a flat caused concern.

Officers continue to engage with the male to resolve this matter peacefully. There is no risk to any members of the public."