

Man charged with three alleged bogus workmen incidents



Police in Edinburgh have arrested and charged a 22-year-old man in connection with three alleged bogus workman incidents that have happened in the Capital.

In the most recent incident, which happened in the Clermiston area on Tuesday, October 1st, an elderly woman was defrauded of a three-figure sum of cash for work on her roof that was never carried out.

In the two previous incidents, which happened on the 11th of October and 16th of September, unsuccessful attempts were made to defraud elderly people in the Balerno area.

The man was arrested by officers from Operation Aristotle, an on-going operation aimed at tackling bogus callers in the city. He is expected to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today (Wednesday, October 30).

Detective Sergeant Ben Leathes, from Police Scotland, said: "At this time we would urge anyone who receives an unsolicited call at their property by any individual claiming to be employed by a company or organisation to ask for identification.

"If they are still not satisfied, then they should deny them access, and contact the organisation they claim to represent to verify their identity.

"Similarly, if anyone has any suspicions over the intentions of any cold caller, then they should contact police immediately."

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.