

Firearms Incident Ratho Station – Continued Appeal for Information



Police in Edinburgh are continuing with their appeal for information following a firearms incident in the west of the city.

Officers responded to Ratho Station at around 9.30pm on Monday evening following reports of shots being fired at a property in the area.

No one was injured and a significant police investigation was subsequently launched, which resulted in the A8 being closed in both directions between the Newbridge Roundabout and Edinburgh Airport.

Detectives are now keen to trace a motorcycle that was seen sitting stationery at the bus stop on the north side of the road prior to the incident. It thereafter took off at speed towards Edinburgh.

Detective Chief Inspector Stuart Houston, who is leading the investigation, said: “From our investigation at this stage we are keen to trace the rider of a dark coloured motorbike that was present on the north carriageway of the A8, about 9.30pm just prior to the report of shots being fired.

“It is possible that this vehicle may also have travelled from the Gogar roundabout towards Newbridge roundabout a short time before the incident. I am keen to hear from anyone who may have seen a motorbike in that road or the surrounding side roads at that time or if they were themselves the rider, to come forward as they may be able to assist by excluding

themselves from the investigation.

“This incident has occurred on a busy main route and I am aware from our initial enquiries that there were a number of vehicles who passed this location travelling in both directions at the time. I would ask for anyone who was travelling on this road, to consider if they saw a motorbike, any vehicles that may have been stationary in the vicinity of the bus stop on the north side of the road and any persons who may have been present on the footway or the road to contact the police.”

“We believe this incident was an isolated matter, however I am aware that our investigation in the area has had a significant impact on the local community, as well as motorists utilising the A8 and at this point to thank them for their continued assistance and co-operation.”

“While our investigation carries on, high-visibility police patrols will be deployed within the Ratho Station area to engage with the public and offer reassurance. Anyone who believes they have information can speak with these officers or contact us on 101. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”