

# Ratho Station firearms incident update



Investigations are ongoing following an incident which involved shots being fired in Ratho Station, west of Edinburgh.

Officers responded to initial reports of shots at a property adjacent to the main arterial A8 route at around 9.30pm last night (Monday Nov 25, 2013). No-one was injured during the incident.

An investigation was immediately launched which resulted in the A8 being closed in both directions between Newbridge Roundabout and Edinburgh Airport to allow a detailed search and inquiries to be carried out.

Superintendent Matt Richards, of Police Scotland, said a team of officers were working on the inquiry and to provide high visibility patrols in the area. He also made an appeal for information to help with police investigations.

He said: "This incident took place close to one of the main routes to and from Edinburgh. It is always busy with passing traffic. I would appeal to any member of the public, either locally, or who may have been passing through Ratho Station at or around 9.30pm last night and who saw anything to contact us urgently.

"It is imperative that we trace the individual involved in this incident, which thankfully did not result in any injuries. The consequences of a weapon being discharged in the manner which happened last night may have been extremely serious.

"We believe that a firearm was discharged and that this was not a random act. We are keen to speak to any member of the public who saw or heard anything suspicious, or who thinks they may have information about those responsible. Anyone with any information can contact the 101 Police number or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555 111.

"Uniformed officers are in the area to provide extra patrols to support the local community."