

Housebreaking initiative Operation RAC leads to arrests



A man has been arrested and charged following three break-ins within the Currie and Balerno area.

Officers working as part of Operation RAC conducted enquiries after high-value bicycles were stolen from sheds and garages in Woodfield Avenue, and Hermiston between the 5th and 12th December.

Edinburgh Division's Search and Recovery Team conducted enquiries at a second-hand store within the city and established that an attempt had been made to sell on one of the stolen bikes.

Further investigation led to a search of a property in the Clovenstone area and a 22-year-old man was subsequently arrested.

Two bikes and various bike parts worth around £7,000 were recovered from within the address.

He is scheduled to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today.

Another 22-year-old man has also been charged with reset and has been reported to Procurator Fiscal.

Enquiries are ongoing to recover more of the property stolen during these incidents.

Detective Inspector John Kavanagh said: "Operation RAC was launched to address the issue of housebreaking within Edinburgh, which has been identified as a local priority for

many of our communities.

“While these three offences took place in outbuildings, and were not an invasive home break-in, they still resulted in high-value items being stolen and left the victims deeply upset at the theft of their belongings.

“We treat all forms of housebreaking extremely seriously and have dedicated teams in place to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.

“Rest assured that Operation RAC will continue to operate until the message is being received that housebreaking and associated offences will not be tolerated.”