

James Dunleavy found guilty of culpable homicide



A man who was responsible for the death of his mother and the disposal of her body has been convicted.

At the High Court in Edinburgh today (Friday) James Dunleavy was found guilty of the culpable homicide of 66-year-old Phyllis Dunleavy, whose dismembered body was found buried on Corstorphine Hill on May 7th 2013.

The 40-year-old, who was also convicted of attempting to pervert the course of justice, will be sentenced at a later date.

Phyllis Dunleavy was visiting her son in the capital, having come across from Dublin. She is believed to have died sometime between April 30th and May 7th.

Detective Chief Inspector Keith Hardie, who led this investigation said: "James Dunleavy was involved in causing his mother's death and then failed to report the matter to police, instead opting to conceal her body within a wooded area in Corstorphine Hill.

"Following the discovery of Phyllis Dunleavy's body Police Scotland launched a major investigation and appeal for information, which was assisted by a number of specialist agencies.

"Thanks to this support a facial reconstruction was created and released to the public and soon after, we had a confirmed identity and a subsequent arrest.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in this enquiry for their contribution, which has resulted in today's conviction."