

West Lothian man jailed for domestic abuse



A man who subjected his victims to a sustained period of domestic abuse and physical violence was jailed at the High Court in Glasgow today.

James Alexander Boyd was sentenced to spend six and a half years in prison for six incidents of violence against women in West Lothian.

The 28-year-old had previously been convicted earlier this month for the attacks, which took place over ten years following an investigation by the Domestic Abuse Task Force based in Bathgate.

Detective Inspector Helen Pasquale from the DATF said: “When Police Scotland was launched one of the key priorities was to tackle domestic abuse by identifying offenders like James Boyd and bring them to justice.

“The Domestic Abuse Task Force conducted thorough enquiries during what was a complex and sensitive investigation, which required the assistance and co-operation of his victims.

“I would like to thank those women today for the courage they have shown in helping ensure Boyd will spend a considerable period of time behind bars.

“His sentence today reflects the commitment of the DATF, Police Scotland and the Crown Office in removing violent domestic offenders from our communities.

“I would like to reassure the public that we treat all reports of domestic abuse with the utmost seriousness and professionalism and would urge victims of these offences to

report their abuse to police.”