Man in court after auction house break in

A 53-year-old man has been charged following a high-value housebreaking in the West of Edinburgh last year.

Around £100,000 worth of antiques were stolen from the Shapes auction house in Bankhead Medway in the early hours of Saturday 7th December.

Following a thorough investigation by officers as part of Operation RAC the male was subsequently detained before being charged yesterday (Wednesday). He appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday and was remanded in custody.

Enquiries are ongoing to locate the stolen goods and anyone who can assist officers with their continued investigation is asked to come forward.

Detective Inspector John Kavanagh said: "Since these items were stolen during a break-in last year, officers in Edinburgh have been pursuing numerous lines of enquiry to identify those responsible

. "These enquiries, undertaken as part of Operation RAC, have culminated in an arrest, while we continue with our efforts to trace the stolen antiques.

"Anyone who believes they have information that can assist with our investigation should contact police immediately.

"Operation RAC will continue to target those involved in housebreaking and associated acquisitive crime and you can rest assured that if you engage in these offences, we will use

all resources at our disposal to find and arrest you."