

Confiscation order against Kirknewton drug dealer nets £525,000

At Edinburgh High Court today, a confiscation order totalling £525,000 was made against 67 year-old Scottish drug dealer Alexander Cameron from Kirknewton, Midlothian.

In 2009 police officers went to West Cairns Farm, Kirknewton. The jury at the High Court in Edinburgh heard how police who took part in the 2009 raid could smell the cannabis plants from 25ft away. On search of the outbuildings Police discovered a large cannabis cultivation within the storage kennels. In all officers recovered 526 cannabis plants with a potential yield of £78,000 worth of cannabis.

It was some four years ago on 24 August 2010 at Edinburgh High Court that Cameron was convicted and sentenced on 10 November 2010 to 6 years imprisonment.

Lindsey Miller, Procurator Fiscal for Organised Crime & Counter Terrorism, said:-“Scotland is increasingly becoming a hostile environment for drug dealers to operate.

“They stand not only to lose the drugs themselves and face lengthy terms behind bars, but to see their entire illegal businesses dismantled and years of criminal profits confiscated from them.

“The funds recovered will be added to the £80 million already gathered from Proceeds of Crime to be re-invested in the community by Scottish Ministers, through the CashBack for Communities programme.”