

Several arrests after Grassmarket disturbance



Several men from across Scotland have been arrested and charged following football-related disorder during the Ramsdens Cup Final.

Prior to the match between Rangers and Raith Rovers at Easter Road Stadium on Sunday 6th April, a number of individuals engaged in a large disturbance in the Grassmarket.

A significant police operation was in place to ensure the safety of the public during match day and the incident was quickly resolved when officers responded to the scene.

However, several people believed to be involved were not traced at the time and Operation Langston – a joint investigation between police a number of divisions in Police Scotland, was launched.

As a result of police action carried out on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 males were detained in Glasgow, Renfrew, Edinburgh and Grangemouth, Kirkcaldy and Dumfries and have all been charged with a breach of the peace.

All of the men will appear in court at a later date.

Police continue to follow a positive line of enquiry in relation others connected with this disturbance.

Chief Inspector Alun Williams said: “The Ramsdens Cup Final was a great day out for both sets of fans and the behaviour of the vast majority in attendance was exemplary.

“However, a small minority became involved in disorder within the Grassmarket, causing fear and alarm to other members of

the public.

“These actions were totally unacceptable and as a result of joint enforcement activity undertaken by officers from across Police Scotland, several arrests have now been made, with more likely in the coming days.

“We will seek Football Banning Orders in each case, and wish to send a clear message that disorder of any form will not be tolerated and anyone found to be responsible for offences of this nature will be robustly dealt with”.