Firearms incidents in Gilmerton last night

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Police are appealing for witnesses following a report of a firearm being discharged at two addresses in the Gilmerton area of Edinburgh last night (22 September).

Significant enquiries are under way after a firearm was discharged at a parked vehicle, within The Murrays Brae about 9.30pm.

A short time later a firearm was also discharged at a house in Gilmerton Dykes Drive, Edinburgh.

Police are also linking this with a suspicious incident, about 10pm at Walter Scott Avenue, where it is believed unknown persons have approached an address. There are no reports of anyone having been injured as a result of any of the incidents.

Detective Chief Inspector Stuart Houston said: "This is a significant police enquiry and I would appeal for anyone who has any information that could assist with this investigation to come forward. I would also appeal to anyone who was in the area or immediate streets surrounding the addresses, at the time, and may have seen anything suspicious, to contact police immediately on 101."

Chief Inspector Mark Patterson said: "Incidents like this are extremely rare but in light of this we have stepped up high visibility patrols in the area of Gilmerton and the Inch.

Members of the public can also be reassured that we have a dedicated enquiry team actively pursuing those responsible."