

Midlothian man convicted of two murders



A man who killed his wife and young son has today been found guilty of both their murders at Edinburgh High Court today.

Garry Lockhart, 33, was found guilty of killing Janet Lockhart, 29, and their two year old son, Michael, at their home in South Chesters Lane, Bonnyrigg, in the early hours of 28th December 2013, after he came home from a night out drinking. He will be sentenced on 16th October 2014. Detective Chief Inspector Scott Cunningham from the Major Investigation Team, who lead the investigation, said: "In 22 years in the Police Service this is one of the most tragic, traumatic and heart breaking investigations I have been involved with.

"The unforeseen actions of Garry Lockhart are completely incomprehensible and only he knows why he took the lives of his wife and son.

"I acknowledge the verdict today and my thoughts first and foremost are with Janet and Michael's family. "This has been devastating for the family and I want to pay tribute to them for their strength, courage and dignity shown. I also want to commend all the police officers, police staff, partner agencies and the local community for their professionalism and support throughout the most emotive circumstances."