

# Police make four arrests in Gilmerton and Inch



Four men have been detained as part of a police operation in South Edinburgh

This is described by Police Scotland as part of an ongoing operation to tackle crime and criminals in the south of the city.

A number of properties in the Gilmerton and Inch areas of the city were targeted this morning and the four men were detained for a variety of offences. A 32-year-old woman was also arrested on Wednesday as part of this operation.

Following firearms incidents in the south of the city over the past couple of weeks, police are cracking down on crime in the area to keep people safe.

Detective Superintendent David Gordon said: "Police Scotland has a zero tolerance approach to gun crime and we are targeting the areas affected in relation to criminal activity. We are carrying out interviews, searching premises and acting on intelligence and information provided by the public. But we still need the community to tell us what they know about those involved in gun crime and to assist us in ensuring we have safer communities.

"The detentions today are as a result of geographically focused disruption following the discharge of firearms. Police Scotland will use all tactics at our disposal to prevent gun crime and the simple way to avoid police enforcement is to have nothing to do with firearms or others who use them.

"Our enquiries are continuing into the incidents over the last

couple of weeks and there will be further enforcement activity and more arrests. We will maintain a visible and strong position within the south of the city to demonstrate that this unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and anyone in possession of illegal firearms will be dealt with robustly."

"I would once again appeal to the public to assist the Police in the current investigation and if you hold any information regarding these crimes, the persons responsible or criminals who posses firearms to contact the police or Crimestoppers."

Anyone with information can contact the charity Crimestoppers, which is completely anonymous, on 0800 555 111, or Police Scotland on 101.

Update: An 18 year old man, a 19 year old man and a 22 year old man have been arrested and charged and will appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday.

A 52 year old man will appear in court at a later date.