

Incident on Royal Mile – one man detained



The police have issued an update on the incident which took place on the Royal Mile last night which involved police officers on the ground as well as the police helicopter.

During the evening of Saturday 26 October 2014, Police Scotland received several reports of a motorcycle being driven in a potentially dangerous manner around the city. At no time was the motorcycle pursued by the police.

About 8pm whilst officers were on patrol in Tron Square, Edinburgh two men ran off from police. A stolen motorcycle was recovered nearby.

During the search for the two men, one went on to a roof top in Cockburn Street, Edinburgh. Due to the height and potential danger that the suspect placed himself at, and potentially officers trying to detain him, specialist public order officers and a police helicopter supported the local policing response. A cordon was put in place to contain the suspects as well as provide a clear space for the police and fire services to work in.

About 11:50pm one man was detained, whilst the other man remains outstanding and enquiries continue to trace him.

Superintendent Angus MacInnes said: "At no time during the incident on Cockburn Street were the public in any danger. We are aware of speculation on social media sites that this incident involved firearms , however, I can categorically state that was not the case. At no time was this a "firearms

incident” and no firearms officers were deployed to the scene.

“The use of the police helicopter and a small number of officers with shields was simply about ensuring a safe and coordinated apprehension of the suspects. There were clear risks and challenges due to the height and size of the building and our response aimed to manage the risks and to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

“Earlier in the evening, the males riding the motorcycle potentially placed themselves and the public in danger and we are pleased that the motorcycle was recovered and one man detained. A positive line of enquiry is being followed as we continue to trace the other suspect.”