

# Man found guilty of numerous sexual offences over 18 year period



A man who abused women over the course of 18 years has today been found guilty of various crimes at Edinburgh High Court (Wednesday, November 19).

Adam Carruthers, age 44, was found guilty of 19 different charges, including rape, indecent assault and assault to injury. These attacks happened over the course of 18 years, and involved 18 complainers. Carruthers targeted vulnerable women whom he believed would not speak out against him.

The investigation was conducted over the winter of 2013/14. Carruthers has been brought to justice due to the hard work and police engagement conducted by the Domestic Abuse Task Force.

He will be sentenced in February.

Detective Chief Inspector Samantha McCluskey said: "Carruthers was a particularly callous individual who, over the course of 34 years, targeted vulnerable women whom he believed would never speak against him.

"It is through the courage of his victims in coming forward, and the proactive police engagement work carried out by Police Scotland's Domestic Abuse Task Force, that Carruthers has finally been brought to justice."