

CS spray canister lost during police chase



Police are appealing for assistance from the public to locate a CS spray canister, which was lost in the South of the city.

Officers responded to a report of disturbance at an address in the Prestonfield area of Edinburgh at around 2.30am today (Sunday).

Whilst pursuing a suspect through gardens in Prestonfield Avenue an officer's CS spray has become detached from their belt.

A 23-year-old man was subsequently detained and later charged in connection with the disturbance.

A thorough search of Prestonfield Avenue, Priestfield Crescent and the surrounding areas has since been undertaken, however, the canister has not been recovered.

Anyone who finds the item is asked to hand it in to their nearest police station.

Inspector Stephen Rosie said: "While pursuing a suspect an officer's CS spray has become detached from his belt and despite a thorough search of the area, it remains unrecovered.

"The canister is approximately 12cm tall, grey in colour and is clearly marked. It is within a black plastic holder."

"CS Spray is for police use only item, utilised in very demanding circumstances to protect both the officer and the wider public.

"Anyone who comes across the canister should not in anyway

attempt to use it and should contact us on 101 or bring it to your nearest police station.”