

Man jailed for 12 years for crimes against women



Kevin Storey has today been jailed at the High Court in Edinburgh for a number of crimes against women.

Storey was sentenced to spend 12-years in prison after being convicted in November for the offences, which took place over a 20-year period.

The 48-year-old was a serving police officer when many of these offences were committed, however, he is no longer employed by Police Scotland.

Police Scotland has reiterated its commitment to identifying domestic abusers and bringing them to justice.

Chief Superintendent Gill Imery, Commander of the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division of Police Scotland, where Storey served as a Sergeant, said: "The perpetration of these sort of crimes can never be tolerated and it is of even greater shock and disappointment when the offender is a police officer.

"Kevin Storey's complete contempt and disregard for his victims shows him to be a callous individual whose actions have fallen significantly short of the high standards of professional behaviour we expect as an organisation.

"There is no place for domestic abuse and associated offences within our communities and we will continue to use all resources at our disposal to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.

"The public within the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division, and throughout Scotland can rest assured that we will continue to treat all reports of domestic abuse with the utmost

seriousness and conduct a thorough investigation into the matter, regardless of how challenging or sensitive the issue may be.”

Detective Chief Inspector Sam McCluskey, of the Domestic Abuse Task Force, once again paid tribute to the courage of the women who came forward and reported Storey’s crimes.

She said: “Over the course of two decades Kevin Storey systematically targeted and abused various women and from the onset of our investigation, in addition to bringing them justice, their safety and wellbeing was at the heart of our approach

“We utilised various resources and specialist investigators throughout this enquiry to uncover the extent of Storey’s crimes and ensure that we managed to secure all available evidence to enable us to report his offending.

“Each of his victims has shown great strength in coming forward to report the offences and had it not been for their courage, we may not have been able to fully comprehend the level of violence Storey was capable of.

“Today’s sentence should send a very clear message that whoever you are, domestic abuse is simply not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Whenever crimes of this nature are reported to us, Police Scotland and the Domestic Abuse Task Force will endeavour to bring perpetrators to justice using every means possible.”