

Multi agency day of action in north and central Edinburgh



Police carried out a major operation across north and central Edinburgh yesterday in conjunction with a number of its partner agencies.

Officers from the Search and Recovery Team (SART) and CID searched five commercial premises and discovered a significant amount of counterfeit tobacco products and alcohol.

As a result of this activity, illegal goods worth around £4500 were seized including around 70 litres of vodka and whisky valued at approximately £3000 and a large quantity of imported tobacco. A 29-year-old male was also arrested for an immigration offence.

The day of action was based on intelligence gathered by Trading Standard officers, who were on hand to assist with their specialist dog and handler unit.

Staff from Imperial Tobacco, HMRC and Stirling Council also assisted Police in the operation.

DCI Stuart Houston, Edinburgh Division CID said: "Following intelligence, officers from Police Scotland, HMRC, Trading Standards, Imperial Tobacco and Stirling Council took part in a day of action targeting a number of commercial premises in Edinburgh.

"As a result, officers seized around £4500 worth of counterfeit goods and made one arrest in relation to an immigration offence.

"This follows a similar operation we led in December and we will continue to thoroughly investigate those who choose to

ignore the law surrounding the sale of counterfeit goods.

“If anyone is aware of counterfeit goods being sold to the public then I ask them to contact police immediately on 101 or Crimestoppers.”