

Edinburgh man admits explosives offences



A man has admitted possessing explosive substances after a significant number of items were found in two properties in Edinburgh last year.

Faris Al-Khori, aged 62 has today, Thursday 26 February 2015, pleaded guilty under the Explosive Substances Act 1883, Section 4, following the recovery of material from two flats in Fidra Court and Persevere Court in April 2014.

The items were discovered following a fire in a communal area of Fidra Court flats on Friday 18 April 2014. Both flat complexes were evacuated whilst suspect items were recovered by army explosives experts.

Detective Superintendent David Gordon, who led the investigation said: "This was a significant and complex inquiry for Police Scotland, working with our partners from the outset to safely deal with the volatile items that were being stored, and to seek to establish Al-Khori's motives for keeping them. Extensive inquiries both nationally and internationally were carried out, which did not identify any link to terrorism or extremism. We are satisfied there is no immediate threat to the community.

"Counter terrorism is one of Police Scotland's highest priorities, and whilst Al-Khori has no such known links we will always treat all information received with the utmost importance where any risk to the public is identified. Members of the public can call 101 or the anti terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

"We welcome the conviction at the High Court today and await

sentencing.”