

Seven arrested over thirty housebreaking offences in Edinburgh



Police have arrested and charged seven people for over 30 offences related to housebreakings.

On February 25 an 18-year-old man was arrested in connection with 11 housebreakings to businesses and a vehicle theft in Edinburgh. He appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Thursday, February 26.

A 15-year-old youth from Edinburgh was charged with over 10 offences following the recovery of a Ford Ka, stolen on January 29, which contained various items linked to recent housebreakings. A report has been submitted to the Children's Panel.

On February 12, SART and the Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU) officers executed two search warrants in the Moredun area of Edinburgh where they recovered a large quantity of stolen bicycles, some of which were taken from housebreakings.

A 39-year-old woman and three men aged 52, 35 and 28 were arrested and charged in connection with seven offences and £5500 worth of stolen property was recovered. All bikes were identified and returned to their rightful owners.

A 16-year-old man from Edinburgh was found to be in possession of a stolen vehicle at 9pm on February 24. The vehicle was searched and various electronic items stolen through housebreakings were recovered, and the vehicle seized. On

February 25, an address was searched in connection with these thefts and further stolen items were recovered.

The male was arrested and charged and appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Thursday, February 26.

Chief Inspector Stevie Dolan said: "Through comprehensive and dedicated investigations we have managed to recover thousands of pounds worth of property and report various prolific offenders to the procurator fiscal.

"Enquiries are ongoing and we have more work to do, but this is testament to Police Scotland's dedication to pursuing offenders of housebreakings and ensuring that they are brought before the courts."

Further to this, Sergeant Philipa Campbell ran a Domestic Security event for members of the public at Davidson Mains Church on Wednesday, February 24. Over 100 members of the local community attended and gave extremely positive feedback regarding the learning and reassurance provided by officers and council representatives. They also provided vital input into policing in their community.

The next meeting will be held at Drum Brae Hub on 18 March, 6pm – 7:30pm.

If you have any information about these crimes, please contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.