

Two plead guilty to attempted murder in West Pilton



Gary Reid (19) (pictured) and James Hogg (24) have today both pleaded guilty at the High Court in Glasgow to the attempted murder of Jie Yu, who was attacked in West Pilton Park on the evening of Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

Hogg pleaded guilty to attempted murder, while Reid pleaded guilty to attempted murder with racial aggravation.

Reid was arrested and charged the next day, while Hogg was arrested in the west of Scotland the following week.

Mr Yu was treated at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and St John's Hospital for ten days. He continues to recover at home.

In the days following the attack, Police Scotland listened to the concerns of local residents and launched, with our partners in Edinburgh City Council, Stronger North, an initiative tackling anti-social behaviour in the North Edinburgh area.

Detective Inspector David Pinkney said: "This was a brutal attack on a well liked and regarded member of the West Pilton community.

"Officers worked quickly in order to bring Reid and Hogg to justice for their crimes. Now that Gary Reid and James Hogg have pleaded guilty, I hope Jie and his family can move on from this ordeal."

Community Inspector David Happs said: "This was an incident that shocked residents in the West Pilton community and led to the launching of Stronger North.

“This is an ongoing initiative, which has seen positive changes in the local area. While there is still work to do, we are committed to working with our partners to create and maintain a better community for the people of North Edinburgh.”