

Edinburgh man convicted of Hamilton and Inches robbery



An Edinburgh man was convicted today of a high-value armed robbery of the Hamilton and Inches store in the Capital last year.

Michael Hood (32) of Edinburgh was found guilty of robbery and sentenced to 8 years in prison, backdated to 15th July 2014, at the High Court in Livingston

Michael Hood was found guilty for his involvement in the armed robbery committed at around 11.30 am on 6th June 2014. Three males entered the store and smashed display cabinets and stole items worth a total of £1.35 million including eight Patek Phillipe watches and made their escape in a white BMW driven by Hood.

A major police investigation was launched to trace these individuals. Hood was identified and was subsequently arrested and charged and later tried at Livingston High Court.

Detective Chief Inspector Stuart Houston said: " As a result of excellent police work across a number of police forces, we were able to bring Michael Hood to justice.

"This robbery left several members of staff extremely shaken and caused extensive damage to the premises on top of the loss of the luxury items.

"His conviction today should serve as a reminder that offences of this nature will not be tolerated and those found to be responsible will be brought to task."