

Five arrested on drugs charges



Five people have been arrested and charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act after police in Edinburgh recovered high-value drugs at various city addresses.

Officers from the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit carried out searches at four properties in the Drylaw, Leith and Broomhouse areas.

As a result over 16kg of cannabis was seized along with 11kg of amphetamine and 112 diazepam tablets.

The recovered drugs have an estimated street value of around £198,000. Four men aged 51, 33, 49 and 45 and a 46-year-old woman are all scheduled to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today (Friday).

Detective Chief Inspector Kenny Gray said: "Once again, we have acted on intelligence from our communities to seize large quantities of drugs and put a considerable dent in the operations of local crime groups.

"Whenever we receive information from the public relating to serious organised crime or associated offences, such as drug distribution, we will respond accordingly to bring those responsible to justice.

"Anyone wishing to report drug crime or any other ongoing criminal activity in their area can contact Police Scotland on 101 or make an anonymous report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."