

Four in court following capital robberies



A 21 year-old man appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today in connection with an armed robbery at a Portobello betting shop when a four-figure sum of cash was stolen during the incident at the Ladbrokes store on Monday 2nd March.

Enquiries in relation to this robbery led to the subsequent arrest of a man and woman in connection with an attempted robbery in Liberton Gardens and a housebreaking and vehicle theft in Craigmillar Road.

Both offences took place on Monday 9th March and the pair aged 20 and 21 are due in court tomorrow.

In addition, a 25-year-old man has been charged following a robbery in Magdalene Gardens on Sunday 8th March. The male has also been charged with a firearms offence following a disturbance in Lochend Drive the same evening.

Detective Inspector Alan O'Brien said: "As a result of vital intelligence from the public, alongside extensive investigation from police in Edinburgh a number of individuals are now in custody in connection with various incidents, which took place in the Capital over the past week.

"We are continuing with our enquiries to identify others believed to be involved in the Portobello robbery and would again request that anyone with information that can assist with this investigation comes forward.

"Police Scotland is committed to tackling violent crime and offences where weapons are used. Whenever we receive reports of this nature we will conduct a thorough investigation to

identify those responsible and bring them to justice.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.