

# Robert Buczek sentenced to minimum of 20 years for Morningside murder



A man who killed an 85 year old woman in her own home in Edinburgh has been sentenced to a minimum of 20 years today.

Robert Buczek, 24, was sentenced to life with a minimum of 20 years after being found guilty of killing Eleanor Whitelaw at her home in Morningside Grove on the afternoon of Friday 11 July.

After Mrs Whitelaw was found seriously injured at her home, a major investigation was launched by Police Scotland to find the perpetrator.

Following extensive work by the Major Investigation Team, including the gathering of hundreds of witness statements and detailed forensic examination, Robert Buczek was arrested and charged.

Mrs Whitelaw passed away in hospital on Monday 28th July and Buczek was subsequently charged with murder.

Detective Chief Inspector Keith Hardie said: "I acknowledge the sentence handed down to Robert Buczek for what was a brutal attack on an elderly woman in her own home. Only he can explain his actions that day in which Eleanor Whitelaw lost her life.

My thoughts are with Mrs Whitelaw's family, who I hope can find some closure after such a devastating act.

"I would like to praise the police officers who worked tirelessly to bring Buczek to justice, as well as the local

community for their support throughout this police investigation."