

Two men arrested in connection with housebreakings and vehicle thefts



Two men have been arrested and charged with a series of break-ins and thefts of motor vehicles in Edinburgh and Midlothian.

On Monday 18th May, police responded to Mansefield Road, Mayfield, where a Nissan Qashqai had collided with a wall.

Enquiries established it had been stolen during a housebreaking in Edinburgh on 23rd April.

The following day officers from Operation Greenbay detained two 22-year-old males after recovering a Mercedes C Class car in the Mayfield area, which was also stolen from a housebreaking Edinburgh.

Investigations also led to the recovery of a Lexus car in Blackcot Road, Mayfield that had been stolen during a housebreaking at an address in Musselburgh and a Skoda Fabia car that had been stolen from an address in Pathhead.

In addition, officers recovered other items of property that has since been identified as stolen.

Both men were subsequently charged and will appear in court today.

Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson, Local Area Commander for Midlothian said: "To tackle the number of vehicle thefts linked to housebreakings within the Lothians and Scottish Borders area, we launched Operation Greenbay and officers

continue to remove those responsible for crimes of this nature from our communities.

“As a result of this latest activity, high-value vehicles and various other items of property have been recovered and will be returned to their rightful owners.

“Police Scotland will continue to tackle acquisitive crime as a priority and officers across the country regularly work alongside colleagues from neighbouring divisions to investigate housebreakings and thefts, which cross boundaries, to ensure offenders are brought to justice.”