

Two men charged with 'significant number' of break-ins to commercial vehicles



Two men have been arrested and charged for a significant number of break-ins to commercial vehicles across Edinburgh and Midlothian.

Between June 22 and June 25, Police Scotland received 13 separate reports of power tool thefts from work vans parked in the south and east of the Capital as well as in Loanhead and Danderhall.

Each incident was thoroughly investigated by officers and as a result of these enquiries a 20-year-old and 18-year-old, both of whom are from Edinburgh, were detained last night (Thursday, June 25) and subsequently charged. Officers also recovered a number of power tools worth around £5000.

The suspects are due to appear before Edinburgh Sheriff Court today (Fri).

Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson, who is the Local Area Commander for Midlothian, said: "Following a robust investigation into a number of break-ins and thefts from commercial vehicles throughout Edinburgh and Midlothian we have now arrested two men and recovered around £5000 worth of power tools.

"I want to take this opportunity to recognise the tremendous police work in tracing both men and to thank the members of the public who played such an important role in this investigation.

"Vehicle crime has huge impact on communities across the country and one of our main priorities is preventing such

criminality as well as tracing those responsible as quickly as possible.

“The public can continue to help with our efforts to reduce vehicle crime by taking simple measures to protect their vehicles such as removing high-value items from sight, ensuring doors are locked and parking in well-lit areas.

“Anyone who wants to report criminality in their area can do so by contacting the 101 number or speak to any officer.”