

# Four teenagers in court following motorbike thefts



Four teenagers are due to appear before Edinburgh Sheriff Court today in connection with a number of motorcycle thefts in the Capital.

The males, who are aged 16,17,17 and 18, are expected to face three charges of motorbike theft, one count of attempted motorbike theft and one count of housebreaking in which a car was stolen.

On Tuesday, July 28th, three motorcycles were taken from properties at Mayfield Gardens and Buchanan Street while later that same night a property on Orchardhead was broken into resulting in the theft of an Audi Q3. Meanwhile, in the early hours of Wednesday, July 29th, a thief or thieves attempted to steal a motorcycle from Mayfield Gardens but made off empty handed.

Each incident was thoroughly investigated by Police Scotland officers as part of Operation RAC, resulting in the arrest of the four suspects and the successful recovery of two stolen motorbikes and the car.

Detective Inspector Alan O'Brien of Police Scotland, said: "Following a thorough investigation into a number of thefts in Edinburgh officers successfully traced and arrested four males.

"Vehicle theft and housebreaking has a huge impact on victims and we are committed to doing everything in our power to ensure those who carry out these offences are brought to justice.

“Housebreaking and associated offences remains a priority for police in Edinburgh and Operation RAC is our response to this type of crime.

“Thanks to the hard work of local police officers we were able to successfully recover two of the stolen motorbikes as well as a stolen car.

“We will continue to target housebreakers and work alongside the public and our partner agencies to identify those who continue to engage in this unacceptable behaviour.”