

Witness appeal following series of break-ins in West Lothian



Police in West Lothian are appealing for witnesses following a number of housebreaking incidents at the start of this week. Sometime between 8am and 7pm a home in Niddry Road, Winchburgh was broken into and a three-figure sum of cash was stolen from inside.

Local officers in Threemiletown also responded to an attempted break-in on Monday at an address in Canal Court when the occupant disturbed someone trying to gain access via the front door. The attempt was unsuccessful and those responsible made off from the area.

On Tuesday 29th December a report was received relating to a housebreaking in Niddry View, Winchburgh, which happened sometime between 2.50pm on Monday and 2.30am the following day. During this incident a quantity of jewellery and a three-figure sum of cash were taken.

A final break-in occurred sometime between 4.15pm and 7.15pm on Tuesday at a property in Miller Street, Winchburgh, resulting in the theft of a BMW 116D Sport with registration number SM59 CCU.

Police believe these incidents are all linked and may also have been committed by those responsible for the theft of a Volkswagen T-Sporter from Philpstoun on Monday 28th December. Anyone who can assist with these inquiries is asked to come forward.

Constable Ross Hamill from the Community Investigation Unit in

Livingston said: "Given the proximity of all of these offences and the close timeframe in which they took place, we believe the same people have been involved and are keen to hear from anyone who can help us identify these individuals.

"In addition anyone who remembers seeing any suspicious activity within Philpstoun, Winchburgh or Threemiletown between Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th December should also contact police immediately."

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