

Man convicted of sex attack in Meadows



A man has been convicted of the of serious sexual assault of a teenage woman at a public park in Edinburgh.

At Edinburgh High Court today Steven Davidson was found guilty of attacking the 19-year-old on the morning of Saturday, November 15, 2014.

The woman had been making her way home from a party on Niddry Street when she was approached from behind by the 24-year-old as she walked along Jawbone Walk in the Meadows just before 7 am.

She was then forced to the ground and sexually assaulted before Davidson ran off towards the Summerhall area.

The alarm was raised with police by a concerned member of the public who found the victim in the park.

Police Scotland's Public Protection Unit in Edinburgh launched a major investigation that led to the eventual arrest of Davidson on 21st December 2014.

He will be sentenced next month.

Detective Chief Inspector Alwyn Bell from the Edinburgh Public Protection Unit said: "The despicable acts carried out by Steven Davidson brought tremendous distress to his victim.

"This was a horrendous ordeal for anyone to go through and I hope the judgement passed down by the court today brings some sense of closure to the woman and her family.

"Offences of a sexual nature are among the most abhorrent

crimes that can be carried out on someone and we treat all such reports with the utmost seriousness.

“Police Scotland is committed to thoroughly investigating all reports of sexual offences irrespective of when they are carried out.

“I want to stress that there is no time limit for reporting crime, particularly those of a sexual nature, and we work closely with all partner agencies to ensure people receive the support they need, when they need it.”