

48-year-old man arrested following 'xenophobic comments' at Hearts' game



A man has been arrested following xenophobic comments made during the Hearts vs Kilmarnock match at Tynecastle Stadium on Saturday 27th February.

The 48-year-old has been charged with offensive behaviour at football and an offence under the Threatening Communications Act.

He will appear in court at a later date and has been given special bail conditions not to enter within half a mile of Tynecastle Stadium, or any other ground where Hearts are playing, for two hours before the match until two hours after it has finished.

Constable Gavin Stuart from Wester Hailes Police Station said: "Since Kilmarnock FC reported this matter we have been carrying out our extensive inquiries alongside Hearts and I would like to thank them for their assistance and support now that we have made an arrest.

"Offensive behaviour at football matches will not be tolerated and whenever we identify those responsible we will ensure they are brought before the court.

"We will also seek special bail conditions and banning orders to prevent offenders from attending further football matches."