

Six years for man who raped a woman in Dalry flat



Richard Smith (27) was sentenced to six years in prison at the High Court in Edinburgh today, after being convicted of raping a 28-year-old woman in a flat in the Dalry area of Edinburgh on Saturday 2 August 2014.

Smith had previously been found guilty at the High Court in Glasgow on 22 February 2016.

Following an immediate response to the incident Smith was traced and arrested on the date of offence by officers from the Edinburgh Public Protection Unit.

Detective Sergeant Jonathan Pleasance said: "Richard Smith took advantage of this woman while she slept and his actions caused her terrible distress.

"I'd like to pay tribute to the woman who showed great courage throughout the police investigation and I hope this verdict will assist her in moving forward from this ordeal.

"Police Scotland treats all reports of sexual crime seriously and we will investigate thoroughly to ensure those responsible are brought to justice."