

Police arrest man in connection with bogus workmen crimes



A 21-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with bogus workmen offences in Edinburgh.

Officers apprehended man in Dalkeith today after an 87 year old man was defrauded of £122,000 between December 2015 and March 2016.

The arrest was made as part of Operation Aristotle, an ongoing initiative to tackle bogus workmen and rogue trader crimes within the Capital.

All of the money had previously been handed over to undertake maintenance work at the victim's property in the south of Edinburgh during this period.

The male will appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Friday 15th April.

Detective Inspector Alan O'Brien from Edinburgh's Proactive Unit said: "Bogus workmen and rogue traders target vulnerable members of our community and if successful, can defraud these individuals of significant sums of cash.

"We will not tolerate these offences and will actively target anyone found to be responsible.

"Operation Aristotle will continue to identify bogus workmen and bring them to justice and anyone wishing to report a crime or provide information on such crimes can do so by calling us on 101 or making an anonymous report to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."