Road maintenance equipment stolen on A71 near Dalmahoy Hotel

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Police are appealing for information following a theft on the A71 which took place between 9pm on Wednesday and 7am yesterday, just east of the Dalmahoy Hotel.

This is currently the site of roadworks and is controlled by temporary traffic lights.

Entry was forced to a container at the site and road maintenance equipment, such as breakers and compactors, collectively worth a five-figure sum were stolen.

Sergeant George Richardson of Wester Hailes said: "This theft would have required more than one person and the use of a large vehicle to remove items of this size and weight. We're asking anyone who may have driven past the site during this time and saw any suspicious behaviour to come forward.

"We'd also urge anyone with information about the whereabouts of the stolen equipment to get in touch. If you purchase stolen items, knowingly or otherwise, they can be seized and returned to their rightful owner meaning a financial loss to yourself."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.