

Two men jailed for Restalrig attacks



Two men responsible for assaulting a woman and preventing her from leaving her home in Edinburgh have been jailed.

At Edinburgh High Court today (Friday 29th April) Robert Marsh (39) and John Murphy (32) were jailed for various attacks on a 38-year-old woman at an address in Restalrig Road in June 2015.

The pair was also responsible for keeping the victim locked within the property during this time.

After the woman managed to contact police and report being assaulted, officers attended and detained Marsh and Murphy inside the flat.

During inquiries at the address diamorphine was recovered with other drug paraphernalia and a four-figure sum of cash.

Marsh was sentenced to three years in prison having been convicted of assault and abduction, while Murphy was give four and a half years for assault, abduction and drugs offences.

Detective Inspector Alan O'Brien from Edinburgh's Proactive Unit said: "These men have demonstrated their willingness to use violence and intimidation and are linked to organised crime in the Merseyside area.

"As a result of the evidence gathered against both individuals during our investigation, both have been given considerable custodial sentences and this should serve as a warning to anyone involved in serious and organised crime.

"Police Scotland is committed to tackling all crimes of this

nature and we work closely with the public and our relevant partners to identify offenders and remove them from our communities.”