

Criminal investigation underway following Hampden pitch invasion



Police Scotland is appealing for anyone with information regarding criminal behaviour following Hibs Scottish Cup victory over Rangers at Hampden Park on Saturday to get in touch

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams said, "A full criminal investigation is now underway. We have a dedicated incident room established in Glasgow and I'd appeal to anyone who has information in relation to criminal behaviour at Hampden on Saturday to contact detectives on 0141 532 5457.

"Although we've made 11 arrests so far, I fully expect more to be made in the coming days as we sift through evidence from CCTV and other video footage and photographic images.

"Public safety is our number one priority and the pitch incursion was unacceptable and jeopardised that. Our response was immediate, measured, proportionate and professional. In a short period of time, we deployed mounted officers, public order and conventional officers to separate the opposing supporters.

"It's important to take time and reflect on Saturday's match and we will now work with G4S, Scottish FA, Hampden Park PLC, both clubs and of course with our staff to review the full circumstances of the game. If there's lessons to be learned then we will do that together with other partners so we can ensure that scenes like those witnessed on Saturday don't happen again."