

# Man convicted of supplying cocaine and amphetamine



A man responsible for the distribution of Class A drugs throughout the Lothians and Scottish Borders has been convicted.

At the High Court in Livingston today, George Thompson was found guilty of offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act after police recovered large quantities of cocaine and amphetamine in 2014.

On Friday 20th November, the 59-year-old's Transit van was stopped on the A7 near to Heriot village, where a half-kilo of cocaine was found within.

Several addresses within West Lothian, which were linked to Thompson, were subsequently searched resulting in the seizure of three further kilos of cocaine along with dealer quantities of amphetamine.

The total value of the recovered drugs was in excess of £500,000. Thompson is due to be sentenced on 5th August.

Detective Chief Inspector Kenny Gray from the East Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit said: "There is no doubt that George Thomson was heavily involved in the distribution of drugs throughout the Lothians and Scottish Borders, given the significant quantity of Class A drugs we seized from vehicles and properties linked to him.

"The cocaine was of a very high-purity and we are delighted to have recovered it before it could cause untold harm to our communities.

"Tackling drug crime is a priority for Police Scotland and we

robustly gather and investigate all intelligence from the public relating to those involved in offences of this nature.

“If you wish to report ongoing criminal activity in your area then please contact Police Scotland on 101 or make an anonymous report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”