

Day of action to tackle organised crime in Edinburgh and Midlothian.



Two people have been arrested and charged following a day of action to tackle organised crime in Edinburgh and Midlothian.

On Thursday 3rd November, detectives from the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit were supported by local officers to carry out searches at homes in Castlepark Gait and Dinmont Drive, Edinburgh and Edmonstone Road, Danderhall.

During the search of the Castlepark Gait address, 28g of heroin were recovered along with the same quantity of cannabis and around 200 white tablets that have been sent for analysis.

The total value of the heroin and cannabis is around £3,000.

In addition, police also removed around £10,000 from the house and seized a pit bull puppy under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

A 31-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman were charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act with the male also being charged with a warrant offence.

Both are scheduled to appear in court on Friday 4th November.

Within the property in Dinmont Drive a number of pills were recovered and have been sent for analysis, while £3,000 in cash was seized from the Danderhall address.

The purpose of Thursday's activity was to disrupt the ongoing criminal activities of a crime group operating within the South of Edinburgh and Midlothian area.

Detective Inspector Graeme Naysmith from the East OCCTU said:

“Thanks to vital intelligence from our communities and the invaluable support of local resources from Edinburgh and Midlothian we were able to carry out a significant disruption operation aimed at putting a dent in the cash flow of a crime group operating within these areas.

“A large sum of cash, various drugs and other items of interest were seized from the three properties targeted and this will undoubtedly assist us with future inquiries into individuals linked to this group.

“Tackling organised crime is a priority for Police Scotland and the public can help us bring those involved in these offences to justice by come forward with information, either by calling us on 101, or by making an anonymous report to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”