

Man who murdered partner and left body to decompose jailed



A man who murdered his partner and left her body to decompose in an Edinburgh flat was sentenced to 21 years in prison at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Roger Crossan (now 53) pleaded guilty to the murder of Moira Gilbertson (57) whose body was found in the Dumbiedykes Road property on Saturday 14th October 2017.

Crossan was detained a short time later and subsequently charged with Moira's murder.

Detective Chief Inspector David Pinkney of the Major Investigations Team said: "Roger Crossan is a very dangerous individual with a previous conviction in England for killing a former partner.

He was also convicted in 2011 for assaulting Moira and has now been convicted and sentenced for her murder.

"Through his despicable actions, he deprived Moira of her life and a family of a much loved daughter, mother, sister and aunt.

"I can only hope that his conviction and long prison sentence will give them some measure of comfort.

"Police Scotland is wholly committed to investigating all

cases of domestic abuse that are reported and we will continue to work alongside our partners at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service in order to bring relevant offenders to justice.

“Tackling domestic abuse is a priority for Police Scotland, we want to encourage people to come forward. Victims of crime can be confident that we will listen to them and investigate their report thoroughly, no matter how much time has passed.”

If you're concerned that someone could be in a relationship with an abusive partner, you can make an application to the Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme. More information is available on the Police Scotland website at the following link:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/disclosure-scheme-for-domestic-abuse-scotland/>