

# 27-year-old man charged after five-year-old disabled girl allegedly verbally abused



British Transport Police have charged a 27-year-old man from Edinburgh after a five-year-old disabled girl was allegedly verbally abused on a train from Glasgow to Bathgate as she made her way home with her family on August 2.

Police officers were called to Bathgate station to investigate the report and the matter was treated as a 'hate crime'..

A BTP spokesman said: "A 27-year-old man from Edinburgh has been charged with an offence contrary to Section 39 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing Act.

"The charge relates to a hate crime on board a train at Bathgate station shortly before 12.30am on August 2.

"A report will be made for the Procurator Fiscal."