

Nine years for 'devious' sex offender who took advantage of victim's trust



A 49-year-old man was today sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh to nine-years in prison for a number of serious sexual offences committed against teenagers in Edinburgh and Midlothian.

Scott Forbes had previously been convicted of raping a 14-year-old girl at a property in the Gilmerton area and the serious sexual assault of another 14-year-old girl at an address in the Firrhill area, as well as possession of indecent images of children.

He was further convicted of filming a teenager as she undressed without her consent at her home in Midlothian, and pled guilty to taking indecent images of children.

The offences all took place between November 2009 and May 2017, and detectives were alerted to Forbes after the victims bravely reported their attacks to the police.

He was also ordered to be registered indefinitely as a sex offender.

Detective Sergeant Jonny Wright, of Edinburgh's Public Protection Unit, said: "Scott Forbes is a devious individual

who took advantage of each of the victims' trust.

"I want to commend their bravery in coming forward, which has led to Forbes' conviction.

"I would also like to reassure any victims of sexual crime that there is no time limit to reporting offences and we will always investigate."

Anyone with information about sexual offences can contact Police Scotland on 101, or report this anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.