

Murder charge following death of Balerno man Paul Smith



Police have charged a 40-year-old man in connection with the murder of a man in the city centre.

Officers and emergency services were called to Johnston Terrace at around 1.50pm on Thursday 30 May following a report of a disturbance.

Paul Smith, who was 28-years-old, was found fatally injured and was sadly pronounced dead at the scene by the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Detective Inspector Bob Campbell from Edinburgh's Criminal Investigations Department said: "Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Mr Smith and we have specialist officers providing them with support at this time.

"We are satisfied that this was an isolated incident and we

are not looking for anyone else in connection.

“The 40-year-old man has been held in police custody to appear before Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday 3rd June.”

Chief Inspector David Robertson, Area Commander for the City Centre said: “We understand the shock and distress this type of incident can cause to the local community and officers will continue to provide a high-visibility presence in the area in the coming days to engage with the public and provide necessary support.

“I would like to thank those members of the public who assisted the emergency services at the scene, and the wider community for their cooperation and assistance whilst our inquiries are ongoing.”