

Guilty pleas after heroin and stun gun recovered in flat



A man has pleaded guilty following the recovery of £180,000 worth of heroin from a flat in Edinburgh whilst a second man also pleaded guilty after a stun gun was recovered within the same address.

On Wednesday 21 November 2018, officers from Police Scotland's Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit (OCCTU) carried out an intelligence-led search of an address on Captains Drive where around 1.9kg of heroin was seized. A large quantity of cutting agent and a conductive electricity device were also found within the flat.

A related search of an address in Leving Place, Livingston was then carried out later that day where approximately £11,000 in cash was found.

Craig Dimelow, 28, appeared at Edinburgh High Court on Thursday 3 October 2019 and pled guilty to being concerned in the supply of the drugs. Ian Newlands, 54, pleaded guilty to possessing the conductive electricity device.

Detective Inspector Grant Hendry, from the East OCCTU, said: "This was a significant recovery of heroin which we believe would've been sold across Edinburgh, Fife and East Lothian.

Intelligence gathered from our officers ensured this couldn't be sold within our communities.

"The condition we found the flat in showed a haphazard and flippant approach to dealing with a drug that has such a devastating effect on people.

"The success of this operation couldn't have been achieved without the support of local communities.

"Tackling organised crime, which includes drug offences, remains one of Police Scotland's top priorities which this enforcement activity demonstrates. Any intelligence we receive relating to crimes of this nature will be acted upon.

"If you would like to report ongoing drug crime in your area then please contact us on 101 or make an anonymous report to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."