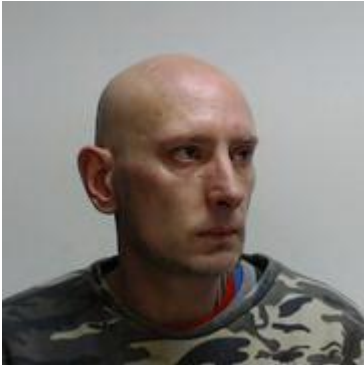


# Man jailed for child sexual abuse over 3-year period



A man has been sentenced for child sexual abuse committed in the Edinburgh area over a three-year period.

Jason King, 41, was convicted following a trial at the High Court in Edinburgh on 19th September, where he was found guilty of three offences of indecent behaviour toward young girls.

King has also been convicted of drug supply offences after the investigation found him to be involved in the supply of ecstasy, cocaine and amphetamines.

Today, at the High Court in Edinburgh, he was sentenced to six years in prison placed on the sex offenders register for life.

King committed the abuse against three girls, then aged between 12 and 15-years-old, between 2002 and 2005.

Detectives from Police Scotland's Public Protection Unit began an investigation into King following reports of his concerning behaviour from one of the victims.

King was subsequently arrested and charged in December 2016.

Detective Sergeant Craig Guthrie from Edinburgh's Public Protection Unit said: "Jason King is a dangerous and predatory individual

who has committed a number of extremely serious sexual offences against young girls over a period of time.

"He preyed on the victims and befriended the girls before taking advantage of them.

"I would like to thank and commend the victims for coming forward and contacting police to report the abuse they suffered. I hope that the sentencing today will offer them some comfort as they seek to put their ordeals behind them.

"We treat all reports of sexual crime with the utmost seriousness and will investigate all reports of sexual offences thoroughly in order to bring perpetrators of such crimes to justice, while at the same time providing all the necessary support and assistance to victims."