

Man shot dead in Granton on Hogmanay

A man has died in an apparent murder on Hogmanay after what police describe as a “firearms incident” in Granton.

Around 11.50pm on Sunday evening, police were called to reports of two men being seriously injured after a firearm was discharged in Granton Crescent.

Emergency services were called and the two men were taken to hospital.

A 38-year-old man, named locally as Mark Webley, was pronounced dead a short time later and a 39-year-old man remains in hospital in a serious but stable condition.

Road closures remain in place on Granton Road and Granton Crescent while police enquiries continue to establish the full circumstances.

Detective Superintendent Graham Grant said: “This is believed to have been a targeted incident and our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of both men involved.

“Enquiries are at a very early stage to establish the full circumstances surrounding what happened, and while officers have already gathered CCTV and spoken to various people who were in the area at the time, I’d urge anyone with information who hasn’t yet spoken to us to come forward.

“In particular if anyone has private CCTV, doorbell footage or dashcam of the Granton Crescent/Road area around the time of the incident, please bring it to our attention.

“This incident will undoubtedly have caused concern in the local community and officers will be carrying out extra patrols of the area and I’d like to reassure the public that everything possible is being done to trace whoever is responsible.”

Anyone with information is urged to call 101 quoting reference 3819 of 31 December. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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