

Man 44 jailed for attempted murder following fire in Muirhouse

A 44-year-old man has been jailed for six years in connection with the attempted murder of a young boy and a man in Edinburgh.

Craig McQuillian was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh on Wednesday, 22 May, 2024 after pleading guilty the previous day.

McQuillian tried to murder the pair on Sunday, 12 November, 2023 by setting a fire outside the door of their home in the Muirhouse area.

Detective Inspector Gordon Couper said: "This was a targeted attack which not only could have killed two innocent people, but also harmed many others in the building.

"McQuillian will now face the consequences of his deplorable actions.

"I would like to thank all officers involved for their dedication and commitment throughout the investigation as well as those members of the public who assisted with our enquiries."