

James Kelly jailed for violent and sexual crimes

James Kelly (43) has been jailed for 10 years after being convicted of 18 charges of violent and sexual crimes against women in the Edinburgh area.

He targeted six women over a six year period from 2014 to 2020. Some of the women were formerly in a relationship with Kelly whose name has been added to the sex offenders' register, and who is now subject to a 25-year long non-harassment order



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He was previously found guilty of 18 charges following a trial at the High Court in Edinburgh, and returned for sentencing on Monday, 15 July, 2024.

Detective Inspector Eirlys Fraser said: "James Kelly subjected his victims to a shocking level of violence and sexual abuse. He is an extremely dangerous individual, who showed no remorse for his behaviour, but he is now paying the price for his despicable actions.

"I would like to commend the women for their strength in coming forward during this investigation and helping us build a compelling case against him. I hope this outcome provides them with some sense of closure and allows them to move on from this horrendous ordeal.

“If anyone is experiencing or has experienced any type of violence or sexual abuse, you are not alone, and we would encourage you to report it to us. You will be listened to and supported throughout the entire process by officers and our partner agencies, and together we will bring the perpetrator to justice.”



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