

Man 58 jailed for five years in connection with a sexual offence in West Lothian

A 58-year-old man has been jailed for five years in connection with a sexual offence in West Lothian.

John Donaldson was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh on Friday, 2 August, 2024 for the serious sexual assault of a woman in Bathgate in July 2020.

He was also given a 25-year non-harassment order.

Detective Sergeant Peter Baxter, of the Domestic Abuse and Rape Investigation Unit in Livingston said: "Donaldson will now face the consequences of his despicable actions in prison.

"I would like to commend the woman for her strength in coming forward during this investigation and helping us build a compelling case against him. I hope this outcome provides her 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."