

Man 34 jailed for organised crime offences committed whilst in prison

A 34-year-old man has been jailed for organised crime offences committed whilst he was in prison.

Christopher Smith was sentenced at the High Court in Livingston yesterday, Thursday, 24 October, 2024 after pleading guilty to organising the supply of controlled drugs.

Smith's offences occurred at HMP Edinburgh and at addresses across Edinburgh, Inverness and Nairn between March 2018 and November 2019.

He will now spend seven years and five months in prison.

He was also issued with a Serious Crime Prevention Order, which will last for three years, to help prevent him returning to crime when he is released from jail.

Detective Inspector Angus Morrison said: "This conviction and sentencing highlights our ongoing commitment to disrupting the illegal and harmful supply of illegal drugs in our communities.

"I hope it sends a message to those involved in serious and organised crime that you will be caught and you will face the consequences.

"There is no place for this type of criminality in our communities. Such operations underline our commitment to the Serious Organised Crime Taskforce and the country's Serious

Organised Crime Strategy. We will continue to work with partner agencies to tackle this issue and make our communities safer.

“Information from the public is absolutely crucial to our work and we would continue to urge anyone with knowledge or concerns about drugs activity in their area to contact Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”