

Three arrests in connection with pyrotechnics offences ahead of Edinburgh derby

Three people have been arrested in connection with pyrotechnics offences following incidents in Edinburgh on Boxing Day.

A 17-year-old and a 28-year-old man have been arrested and charged in connection with being in possession of pyrotechnics in the Haymarket area of Edinburgh prior to the Hibernian v Hearts match on Thursday, 26 December, 2024. They are due to appear in court at a later date.

A 39-year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with setting off pyrotechnics in Russell Road, Edinburgh. He is due to appear in court at a later date.

Enquiries are ongoing in relation to four pyrotechnic smoke devices discharged within Tynecastle stadium during the Hibernian v Hearts match on Thursday, 26 December, 2024.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Ritchie said: "Setting off pyrotechnics in the street or within a sporting stadium is a criminal offence. I would ask people to think of the impact it could have on those around you, particularly people with medical conditions, young children and elderly.

"We will continue to work in partnership with football clubs to prevent fans from taking pyrotechnics into grounds and to pursue those who put other fans' safety at risk.

“Anyone with information regarding persons using or being in possession of pyrotechnics is urged to contact Police Scotland on 101.”