

Man 37 jailed for explosives offences and possession of incident images of children

A 37-year-old man from Edinburgh has been sentenced to 44 months in prison for explosives offences and possession of incident images of children.

Ryan O'Donnell was sentenced yesterday, Wednesday, 12 February, 2025, at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Mixed powders, including potassium nitrate, were found at his home address in Edinburgh, as well as equipment that could be used to make homemade explosives.

He was also placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years for possession of almost 1500 images of children.

Detective Sergeant Jordan Sharp said: "The substances O'Donnell possessed were dangerous and could have caused serious harm if they had been used.

"The unlicensed manufacturing of homemade explosives is illegal, irrespective of the intention, and places the public at risk.

"He will also face the consequences of his actions for possessing indecent images of children. Sexual exploitation is despicable, and we remain committed to protecting children.

"We have highly trained, specialist officers, across the

country who can investigate such offences and, working with partners, ensure perpetrators are brought to justice.”