

Press Release
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DRUGS, WEAPONS AND COUNTERFEIT DVDS FOUND DURING EDINBURGH HOUSE SEARCH

Lothian and Borders Police have seized approximately 10,000 counterfeit DVDs after a house search in Edinburgh on Saturday (10th January).

As well as the DVDs, PS2 games, three DVD burning towers and a computer were also recovered from the property in the Howdenhall area.

Officers also found drugs, swords, knives and a stun-gun during the search.

Chief Inspector Donnie MacKinnon from Lothian and Borders Police said: "This is a significant discovery and a great result for our officers. The illegal production and sale of counterfeit DVDs is something that Lothian and Borders Police take very seriously.

It is important to stress that this is not a victimless crime and we will continue to work closely with our colleagues from the Federation Against Copyright Theft to crack down on copyright criminals."

A 40-year-old man has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with the discovery.

Kieron Sharp, FACT Director General, said: "The seizure of a large quantity of illegal drugs alongside counterfeit film and TV product highlights the serious criminal intent of those involved in film and TV piracy. FACT thanks Lothian and Borders Police for their ongoing efforts to tackle such criminality."

Anyone wishing to report counterfeiting activity can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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