

THREE MEN JAILED FOR DRUG OFFENCES

Three men were sentenced to a combined 13 years today (Monday 24 November) at Kilmarnock High Court after being found guilty of serious drug offences.

Peter Preston (43), Robert Boyle (39), both from Largs, and Michael Innes (37) from Aberdeen were arrested by officers from the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA) as a result of an intelligence-led operation.

Preston, Boyle and Innes were sentenced to 5 years 6 months, 4 years 6 months and 2 years 6 months imprisonment, respectively.

During the four-month investigation, the three men were observed being involved in the supply of various drugs, including cocaine, cannabis, ecstasy and diamorphine in Largs, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire and Renfrewshire. As a result of the operation, officers seized various amounts of drugs, including 12kg of cannabis, with an approximate street value of £20,000, and 0.5kg of cocaine, as well as just over £11,000 cash.

Detective Chief Superintendent Gavin Robertson, Crime Co-ordinator at the SCDEA said: "These individuals were involved in the supply of considerable amounts of drugs to various communities across the west of Scotland.

"Drug dealers have no regard for the harm they inflict on communities through this illegal trade and are only interested in furthering their power and profit at the expense of vulnerable people.

"Today's court result demonstrates that law enforcement is serious about stopping the flow of illegal substances and ensuring those involved can no longer enjoy the benefits of their criminal dealings."