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## Op Target officers recover suspected drugs and firearm

Operation Target officers working to disrupt serious and organised crime recovered suspected drugs and a firearm yesterday, Monday, 5th August.

Following the stop search and arrest of two men in Newsham Park, a search was carried out at a property in Dovecot, resulting in the recovery of a suspected firearm, a quantity of cannabis and a number of mobile phones.

A 28-year-old male from Liverpool was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a Class B drug and possession of a firearm. He remains

in custody for questioning.

Joshua Hamilton, 18, of Sheil Road, Liverpool, has been charged with possession of cannabis. He has been released on bail to appear at Liverpool Magistrates Court on 21 August.

Detective Inspector Paul Nilsen said: “It is pleasing to see another suspected firearm and a quantity of drugs removed from our streets as we continue to tackle serious and organised crime across Merseyside through Operation Target.

“Our priority is to ensure the safety of our communities and we will continue to have a visible presence carrying out an array of activity from stop searches to warrants and open land searches.

“I would like to appeal to the public to keep coming forward with information so that we can act on it. If you know where guns are being stored or have information those involved in serious and organised crime that are making the lives of decent, hard-working people a misery, please contact us.”

Anyone with information is asked to contact @MerPolCC, 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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If you have any information about a particular appeal, or want to report crime or antisocial behaviour in your area please contact Merseyside Police on Twitter @MerPolCC or call 101. You can also contact @CrimestoppersUK.

Any information no matter how small, will be treated with the utmost confidence and could assist with our investigations.

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