

Edinburgh yesterday a judge praised Mr Burgess for disarming the would-be robber.

"He was a very brave man to do that"

man to do that," said Lord Uist.

Millarke, a prisoner at Aberdeen Prison, will be sentenced in July after background reports have been prepared.

He pleaded guilty to assault attempting to rob the shop staff of £3,090 on February 17.

Advocate depute Adrian Cottan said Millarke was a regular customer at the shop and known to Mr Burgess and Ms Forrester.

After Mr Burgess distracted Millarke and disarmed him, Millarke apologised and police found him sitting smoking a cigarette.

Millarke told police he was desperate to get away from Shetland and saw the bookie's as an easy target. He had suffered depression since the death of his wife in September 2011 and wanted to get back to the central belt.

Gorhleck on Christmas Eve 2010.

Scott's DNA had been matched to a sample found on tape used to secure the package. A sample on tape used in the inner layer of the package and another taken from the end of the scarf did not have any of Scott's DNA on them.

Detective Sergeant Richard Ross, 36, told the court yesterday that Scott, of 1 Lochmore Cottages,



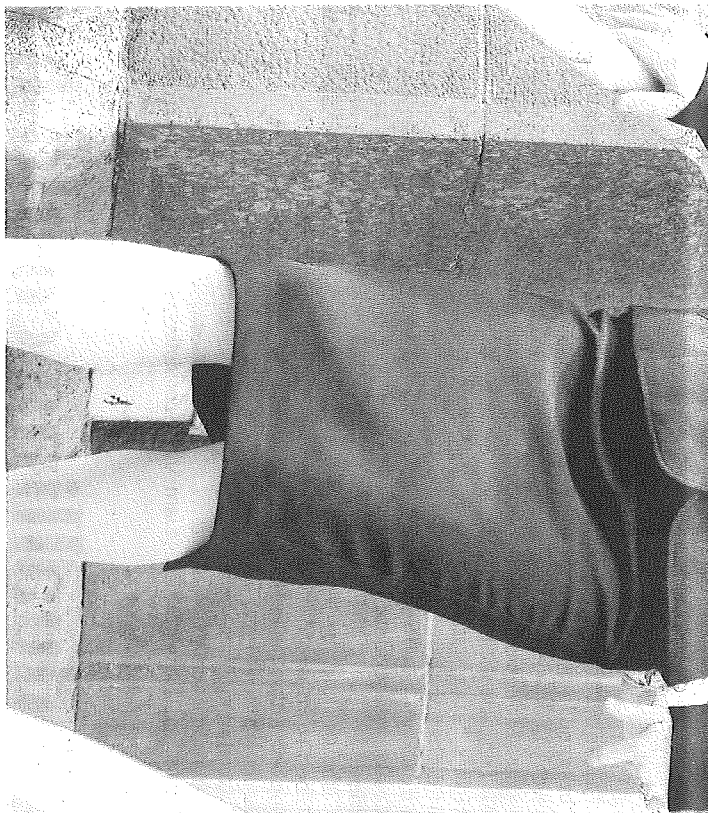
Terry Randall

the roll of tape to package the drugs. However, if the tape came from a roll previously used by Scott then it would be expected to have his DNA on it.

"The DNA should not be taken as conclusive evidence that he was involved in wrapping the drugs."

Terry Randall, a consultant forensic scientist with 30 years of experience with Strathclyde Police, also appeared as a defence witness and said: "It is possible he wrapped this package, but I cannot say one way or the other if that is the case."

Fiscal depute Iain Smith and defence solicitor Pauline Chapman made closing statements to the jury yesterday afternoon and the jury will consider its verdict after being addressed by Sheriff David Sutherland.



EVIDENCE: Forensic scientist Jacqueline Marshall was called by the defence

Cabin homes airlifted for path builders

PROJECT

Special cabins were airlifted into the Highland mountains yesterday to provide a home for a team of path builders.

The accommodation was flown into Braeriach, in the heart of the Cairngorms, and will remain there all summer while workers

tackle the tough job of enhancing the surrounding network of paths. The initiative is part of the four-year Cairngorms Mountain Heritage project, worth £2.1million.

The work will include some 17 footpaths, totalling more than 58 miles. Use by walkers and the harsh climate have caused a great deal of erosion. As well as

significantly improving the mountain paths and helping to protect the fragile environment around them, the project is also delivering an SVQ training programme. Cairngorms Wilderness

Contracts, the contract team on Braeriach, was formed out of graduates from the scheme in 2011 and are now employing people to do this work.

the water near Slatts Road.

"Both of them appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

"Police and Coastguard personnel were involved in the search, but both men made their own way out of the water and the 34-year-old was taken to Gilbert Bain Hospital for a check up." He added that both men were none the worse for their experience.

He said: "Police would remind members of the public that it is not advisable to go into the water while under the influence of alcohol."

A Shetland Coastguard spokesman said the incident was reported by a woman who saw the men in the sea.

He said: "Lerwick lifeboat was launched at around 12.30am to do a search across the shore with its searchlight and Lerwick Coastguard Rescue Team was tasked to assist police with a search of the shore area." He added that the search was stood down at 12.50am.

"It is not advisable to go into the water while drunk"