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SUPERSTORE WITHDRAWS DISCOUNT KNIVES FROM SALE

A major supermarket has withdrawn knives from sale after concerns by police.

Lidl agreed to remove the £1.99 folding knives from the shelves. Although, the folding pocket knife is perfectly legal if it is being carried for legitimate purposes, it was feared that they may appeal to young people because of the low price.

Inspector Tom Halbert from the Violence Reduction Unit, said:

“We are delighted with Lidl’s decision. This is an excellent example of a major superstore playing its part in helping make Scotland a safer place. They have shown real corporate and social responsibility today.”

After the knives were advertised, the Violence Reduction Unit took several concerned calls from police officers and members of the public.

Inspector Halbert explained:


“There was clearly a lot of concern about the availability of these knives and the cost, however, Lidl listened to our concerns and decided to withdraw the knives from sale from their local stores in Scotland.”

The supermarket’s decision comes in the run up to a national knife amnesty.

Chief Inspector Alex McGuire from the Safer Scotland co-ordination unit, added:

“This is a welcome decision, particularly during the first month of our year-long Safer Scotland anti-violence campaign. We will be launching the knives amnesty on May 22 and we want to send out a clear message that carrying and using knives on the streets of Scotland, will not be tolerated.”

A spokesperson for Lidl said:



“We fully appreciate the efforts taken by the police and community action groups throughout Scotland to reduce the danger posed by knife crime, and we are pleased to be able to support this initiative.”

The knives were initially spotted by officers from Glasgow North and East Dunbartonshire Division – they immediately went to speak to individual store managers in their area.

Sub Division Officer, Superintendent Paul Main said:

“The offer was initially reported by a local officer, who was concerned about the potential impact these knives could have in our community.

“We have been making concerted efforts over the past few months to tackle knives and weapons carrying within the Division. The superstore’s decision is a positive step in tackling the weapons carrying culture.”