

# Knifepoint robbery in Warriston

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses following a knifepoint robbery in the Capital.

The incident happened around 7.30am on Friday morning in the Warriston area of the city.

A 42-year-old man was walking near the entrance of St Mark's Park when a male on a red motor scooter and another male who was on foot approached him.

The male who was on foot then presented a knife and both demanded the man hand over his possessions.

After the victim gave his phone, he fled from the suspects and contacted police.

Detectives are now keen to speak with anyone who was in or around the park this morning and can assist with their enquiries.

The first suspect is described as having a slight build and wearing a motorcycle helmet and dark clothing.

The second suspect is described as white, around 18-years-old, 5ft 9ins tall with a slight build. He was wearing a dark hooded top with the hood up, light trousers and a white chequered bandanna covering most of his face.

Both males spoke with local accents.

Detective Constable Graham McIlwraith said: "At no time during this incident was the man assaulted with the knife. Nevertheless, it was a frightening ordeal and resulted in the theft of his phone.

“We are conducting local enquiries in the area and would urge anyone who remembers seeing the distinctive red Vespa-style scooter, or the suspects to come forward.

“The victim spoke with a man walking his two dogs just after the robbery and this individual may have witnessed the incident. He is asked to contact police immediately.

“Similarly, anyone who can help us trace those responsible is asked to come forward.”

Those with information can contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.