

# Man pleads guilty to defrauding pensioner

A 26-year-old man who appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday, and pleaded guilty to stealing £33,646.00 from an Edinburgh pensioner's Post Office Savings Account, had his sentence deferred until next month for reports.

Marjorie Mills deposited several thousands of pounds into the account where she thought it would be safe. She had previously been attacked in her city home.

Post Office worker, Nadeem Amjid, began to skim the cash each time Ms Mills made a withdrawal at Colinton Mains Post Office.

The offences began in October 2010 when Amjid noticed the customer only ever withdrew fifty pounds from her account. During the following 19 months he manipulated the records and customer receipts by giving the pensioner £50 and pocketing £600 for himself.

The fraud only came to light when Ms Mills' daughter checked her mother's account and saw both the high withdrawals and conflicting statements. Police were then alerted and they discovered that Amjid was the person who served her every time the withdrawals were made.

In court Prosecution lawyer Isobel Clark said :- "The complainer had once been attacked in her home and it was her family who advised her to deposit the money into the savings account".

The Post Office refunded all the money.