

Elderly woman assaulted at Princes Street ATM

Assault and attempted robbery, Edinburgh

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for information following an incident where an elderly woman was assaulted as she withdrew money from a city centre cash machine.

The incident happened around 11.30am on Monday 8 April 2013, at the cash machine outside the RBS branch located at the West End of Princes Street.

The woman, who is 84-years-old, was withdrawing money from the machine when she was approached by the suspect, who punched her in the side.

He demanded she hand over cash, however she refused and walked off.

The suspect is described as white, 35 to 45-years-old, 5ft 5ins to 5ft 7ins tall, medium build, with a round face. He was wearing dark scruffy clothing, and had a Scottish accent.

Detective Sergeant Lynsey Thomson said: "While the elderly woman wasn't injured, she was understandably shaken by what happened, and we are appealing for any information that can help us trace the suspect.

"Anyone who witnessed the incident, or who was in the area and was approached by the suspect, should contact police. Likewise anyone who recognises his description should also get in touch."

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.