

# Police appeal for witnesses after assault and robbery in Lochend



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after an elderly man was assaulted and robbed in his home.

The 96-year-old was within his property in Lochend Avenue at around 5.30pm yesterday (Monday) when he received a call at his door.

Upon answering, the victim was met by a male who pushed him to the ground and stole a two-figure sum of cash from his wallet before making off.

The man's neighbours then came to his aid and contacted police who are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The suspect is described only as being white and wearing a red top.

Detective Constable Joe Perkins said: "Fortunately, the elderly victim was not injured as a result of this incident. Nevertheless, he was left deeply upset after being robbed in his own home.

"We are keen to hear from local residents and members of the public who were in Lochend Avenue on Monday evening and remember seeing anything suspicious, or who can help us trace the male responsible.

"Similarly, anyone with any other information relating to this investigation is also asked to contact police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.