

Police seeking witnesses following suspicious incident in Telford Drive



Police Scotland is appealing for witnesses following a suspicious incident in Edinburgh.

Two 16-year-old girls were walking north along Telford Drive towards Granton at around 7.20pm on Friday (5th July) when a male approached them as they reached the bridge crossing Crewe Road North.

The male engaged the girls in conversation before claiming they owed him money.

Both girls attempted to walk away from the suspect, who continued to follow them demanding money.

The victims sought assistance from a young couple pushing a buggy and the male walked off along the walkway.

The suspect is described as white, between 20 and 40-years-old, tall and very skinny with a gaunt face. He was wearing a baseball cap, dark zip up, dark tracksuit bottoms and spoke with a local, but slurred accent.

A male has currently been detained and is assisting officers with their enquiries. However, anyone with information relevant to this investigation is asked to come forward.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "Neither girl knew this male and they were very distressed when he began following them demanding money.

"We are keen to speak with anyone who was in or around Crewe

Road North on Friday evening and remembers seeing anything suspicious.

“In particular, we would like to trace the young couple the victims spoke to and would ask them to contact police immediately.”

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