

Witness appeal following assault and robbery in Fountainbridge



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following an assault and robbery on an elderly woman in the Fountainbridge area of the capital yesterday (Tuesday 24th September).

At around 2.10pm the 87 year old victim left her home address to go to her local shop on Morrison Street.

She walked along the pavement beside Rosemount Cottages to the junction of Gardner's Crescent when she was approached by the suspect, a woman who appeared to be unsteady on her feet.

The suspect grabbed the victim around the neck and demanded she hand over her wallet. A number of witnesses arrived on the scene and the suspect made off up the steps that lead to Gardner's Crescent.

The suspect is described as white, heavy built, 35 to 45 years old, brown hair, missing teeth, wearing a tan or gold coloured hooded top, dark leggings, white trainers and carrying a large silver handbag. She appeared to be under the influence of drink or drugs.

Detective Sergeant Mike Leask from Police Scotland said: "This was an appalling attack on an elderly woman who has been left shaken and afraid to leave her home.

"We know that there are a number of witnesses to this incident but we ask that anyone who has any information or who recognises the description of the suspect should contact police."

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