

Police investigate assault and robbery near Craigleith Retail Park.



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following an assault and robbery in the Drylaw area this morning (Tuesday).

The incident happened around 6.40am near the Craigleith Retail Park.

A 30-year-old man was walking along the cycle path behind the Sainsbury's petrol station when two people approached him.

At this time, the victim was pushed from behind before a male struck him to the face and demanded he hand over his possessions.

The suspects then made off towards Ravelston with the man's wallet and police were contacted.

Officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The first suspect is described as male, white, around 30-years-old, between 5ft 9ins and 6ft tall and wearing a dark hooded top with light-coloured diagonal stripes and a badge, dark grey cotton bottoms and a black beanie hat. He spoke with an Eastern European accent.

There is no description of the second suspect.

Detective Constable Graham McIlwraith said: "The male didn't suffer any serious injury but is obviously upset at the theft of his wallet.

"Despite the early time of this robbery, the area was likely

to have been fairly busy with commuters and we are keen to speak with anyone who witnessed this incident.

“Similarly, anyone who can help us trace those responsible is also asked to get in touch.”

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