Mother and child robbed in their Pilton home

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Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after a young mother and her child were robbed in their home in the Pilton area of the city.

The incident happened around 11pm last night (Friday, November 22) at an address in West Pilton Green.

The victims, a 23 year old woman and her toddler son were in their home when two men — one of whom was brandishing a knife, burst into the property.

The family dog started barking and after taking a small amount of money the two men fled the property.

The suspects, who both pulled their hooded tops over their faces, are described as being white of slim build and aged around 16-19 years of age.

One was wearing a dark blue or black cotton tracksuit with hooded top and the other was wearing grey cotton track bottoms, grey zip up hooded top with dark band over shoulders and three white stripes on sleeves.

Detective Sergeant Gary Harrison said: "Neither the mother nor her child were injured during this incident but it was very frightening for them and they are shocked.

"We are appealing for information to help trace the two men who were responsible for this. Anyone who was in the area of West Pilton Green late last night and saw anyone acting in a suspicious manner or matching the descriptions should contact Police Scotland on 101 or make an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 08000555111.