

Witness appeal after attempted bag snatch in Lasswade Road



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following an attempted handbag snatch.

The incident happened around 10am on Saturday morning (14th December).

The 46-year-old victim was stood at a bus stop on Lasswade Road near to the entrance of Murrays Brae.

When the number 31 arrived at the stop, the victim attempted to board the bus. As she stepped on, the suspect approached her and grabbed her handbag.

The victim fell to the ground but kept hold of her handbag before the man fled the scene, running into The Murrays Brae housing estate, where he was lost to sight.

The suspect is described as white, 20-23-years-old, 5ft 10ins tall, slim build, wearing a plain grey/blue zipped up hooded top (with hood up), black trousers, white footwear, a striped scarf pulled up over the lower half of his face and black gloves.

Detective Constable John Mcshane, from Police Scotland, said: "While the victim wasn't seriously injured, she was badly shaken as a result of this incident, and we are keen for any information that can assist our inquiries.

"We are keen for anyone who was at the bus stop, on the bus or lives in the Murrays Brae who may have witnessed the incident, or has any other information that can assist our inquiries, to

contact police immediately.

“We believe this to be an isolated incident, however we would urge people to be vigilant and keep their belongings secure.

Anyone with information can contact Police Scotland on 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.