

# Renewed appeal following security guard attack



Detectives are continuing their appeal for information after a security guard was attacked outside a supermarket over the weekend.

The 44-year-old was working within the Lidl store in Nicolson Street at around 12.10pm on Saturday 22nd March when he observed a male attempting to shoplift.

After trying to apprehend the suspect, the victim was stabbed repeatedly with a syringe and the male made off.

Enquiries have established a number of shoppers and other pedestrians witnessed the assault and officers are urging these individuals to come forward and assist with their investigation.

The suspect is described white, 20-30-years-old, 5ft 7ins tall with a slim build and dirty bushy hair. He was wearing a sandy-coloured long-sleeved top, dark blue jeans, white trainers and a distinctive blue body warmer with camouflaged pockets.

Detective Sergeant Andrew MacRae said: "The security guard suffered some painful and potentially worrying injuries as a result of his attempts to stop a shoplifter and we are keen to identify this male as soon as possible.

"The street was busy at the time of the incident and we believe several people would have witnessed this attack.

"I would ask them or anyone else with information relevant to our enquiry to contact police immediately."

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