

# Police issue 'Ringing The Changes' warning



Police in Edinburgh are urging retail staff to remain vigilant for a scam known as 'Ringing The Changes' following an incident in the city-centre on Sunday.

A man entered a store on the Lawnmarket at around 4pm and asked a member of staff to exchange a sum of cash. During this time the suspect used distraction tactics and left the shop with an additional four-figure sum.

Officers are appealing for assistance in tracing this man and anyone who recognises his description is asked to come forward. He is described as white, 30-years-old, 5ft 7ins tall with a slim build and black hair. He was wearing a black shirt and grey trousers.

Constable Steven Skirving said: "This scam is often used in busy premises where staff have access to large sums of cash.

"The suspect then tries to confuse employees into handing over more money than they came in with.

"We would urge all staff to beware of this ploy and report any suspicious activity in their store to police immediately.

"In addition, anyone with information in relation to this incident 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.