

Witness appeal following attempted robbery in Blackburn



Police officers in West Lothian are appealing to all motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists who were travelling in Blackburn's Main Street around 9.15pm on Friday night (June 20, 2014) to contact them.

The appeal follows an attempted robbery at the Murco Garage by a man, described as white, of medium build and wearing a dark blue or black shiny shell or waterproof style hooded top, dark blue tracksuit trousers with single white piping down the outside of each leg, and with a white logo on upper left thigh of trouser leg. He was wearing white trainers and had light blue surgical disposable gloves on his hands. He was also wearing a black tammy style hat, black snood or scarf covering the lower part of his face.

Detective Inspector Dave Pinkney, who is leading the investigation, said: "The man is believed to have parked a silver car, an Astra or similar, on the nearside verge of West Main Street/A705, on the westbound carriageway between the Murco garage and Mosshall Caravan Park. This may have caused cyclists or motorists to move round it, and it is possible that anyone who was using a 'dashcam' or 'action camera' on a bike or motorbike has recorded it.

"The use of such devices is becoming more common, and I would appeal to those drivers or cyclists who passed down this road in either direction around 9.15pm and who have dashboard or handlebar cameras fitted to their vehicle or bike, to contact us so that any footage can be viewed.

“This was a violent act, and while his victim was not seriously injured, it is vital that we trace this man and bring him to justice. Police Scotland can be contacted on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”