

Witness appeal following Leith betting shop robbery



Police are appealing for witnesses following a knifepoint robbery at a city centre betting shop.

The incident happened around 8.20pm on Wednesday 24th September at the William Hill premises on Bernard Street.

A 46-year-old man was working alone within the store and was serving a customer when a male entered.

After the customer had exited the male produced a knife and demanded money from the till be placed into a black USC cloth bag.

The employee complied and it is believed the suspect made off towards Baltic Street with a three-figure sum of cash.

Officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The male is described as white, early twenties, around 5ft 10ins or 5ft 11ins tall with a medium build, and short dark hair. He was wearing a dark jacket with hooded top underneath, Black snood covering the lower half of his face, dark gloves, dark grey jogging bottoms and black trainers.

Detective Inspector Carol Craig said: "This robbery left the staff member shaken and resulted in a large sum of money being stolen. Though, thankfully, no one was hurt.

"We are conducting local enquiries in the area and are keen to hear from anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious around the shop on Wednesday evening.

“In addition, anyone who recognises the description of the suspect or who has information relevant to this investigation is also asked to contact police immediately.”

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