Police search shuts off Cockburn Street

 While Twitter speculated as to what the police activity was in the city centre last night, with a helicopter hovering above the city centre for some time, the reality was that police were searching for someone who had stolen a motorbike.

Police in Edinburgh were in attendance in the Royal Mile to trace a man in connection with an earlier incident.

The man was reported to be on the roof of a building in the Cockburn Street area and a cordon was put in place.

A spokesman said there was no risk to the public and no armed police were involved.

Enquiries are ongoing to trace the man.

Ric Lander posted these photos on Twitter just before 10pm.

Just seen about 15 riot cops enter a building off anchor close/cockburn st. We don't know why. pic.twitter.com/AXwDQuhmvw

- Ric Lander (@ricjl) October 25, 2014