Police investigate armed robbery in Niddrie

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Police are investigating following an armed robbery which happened around 1.10pm this afternoon when a man entered Niddrie Licensed Grocers, on Niddrie Mill Drive, in possession of a handgun and stole a three figure sum of cash. The suspect fled on foot, heading west on Niddrie Mill Drive.

The suspect is described white, about 30 years old, 5ft10in to 6ft tall, and gaunt appearance. He was wearing a black hooded top, black scarf or similar covering mouth, black jogging trousers and white trainers, and was carrying a black and white polythene shoppers bag.

Detective Sergeant Robbie Wallace said: "While the shopkeeper was not physically harmed, this was a very distressing experience for her. We are keen to trace the suspect as quickly as possible, and ask that anyone with information should contact police immediately. We are particularly keen to trace three customers who left the shop moments before the incident and turned left onto Niddrie Mill Drive."

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101.