

Attempted armed robbery at Ferry Road bookmakers



Police are appealing for witnesses following an attempted armed robbery in Ferry Road which took place last night (Tuesday, January 27) at around 6.30pm at a Scotbet bookmakers.

The male suspect approached the counter with a handgun. He handed the member of staff a note, demanding they hand over money.

The member of staff refused to hand over any money and the suspect ran out of the shop empty handed.

The suspect is described as a white man in his mid 40's, around 5ft 5" with a slender build. He was wearing a black hat, which peaks at the top, waterproof black gloves, a khaki green jacket, dark jeans with faded patches and notable turn ups and brown ankle boots.

Police believe the incident may be linked to a previous armed robbery, which occurred at a petrol station on Ferry Road on Sunday, January 18. This robbery was successful, and a three-figure sum of money was taken.

Detective Sergeant Lynsey Thomson said: "While this robbery was unsuccessful, this incident was very distressing for the member of staff and we are keen to trace the suspect as soon as possible.

"We also believe that this incident may be linked to a previous incident the happened at a petrol station last week, also on Ferry Road.

"Any witnesses who may have seen the suspect, or who recognise

the description of him, are asked to come forward.”

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