

Police appeal following robbery at bus stop in West Granton Road



Police are appealing to the public for information following an assault and robbery in West Granton Road which took place on Thursday, February 13, at around 9.20pm when a 22-year-old was waiting at the bus stop on West Granton Road, near to Edinburgh College.

She was standing outside the shelter, while a man waited inside with another woman (currently being treated as an unidentified witness). The man then approached her and attempted to take the victim's iPhone from her hand.

When she refused to release the phone, the suspect pushed her by the shoulder, resulting in the woman stumbling back and releasing her grip on the phone.

This left the phone in the possession of the suspect, who made off eastwards along West Granton Road.

The second woman, who had stayed in the shelter throughout the attack, then engaged the 22-year-old in conversation. She asked the victim about her welfare before leaving in the same direction as the suspect.

Police are now looking to trace both the male suspect and the female witness.

The suspect is described as a white man, around 5ft 7" with a heavy build (described to police as weighing around 20 stone). He was wearing a black hooded top with hood up and across face, black bottoms and trainers.

The witness is described as a white woman in her mid-thirties. She is around 5ft 2" with a medium build and brown hair, which reaches just below her shoulders. She was wearing a black waterproof jacket, baby blue zip jumper and jeans.

Detective Constable Stephen Herd said: "This incident was a distressing incident, which has left the victim very upset.

"We are particularly keen to trace the woman who witnessed this robbery, as we believe she may know the suspect's identity. Anyone who recognises either description is urged to contact police."

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