

Schoolboy assaulted and robbed of bike in Portobello



Police are appealing for information after a 15 year old boy was assaulted and robbed of his bike in Portobello yesterday afternoon.

The incident happened around 3.35pm when the victim was cycling through Portobello Park from Milton Road towards Hope Lane, on his way home from school. As he carried along the path, he observed two males walking towards him on the path. He was then pulled off his bike and the two suspects made off with his bike, heading in the direction of Milton Road.

The bike is described as a distinctive white and black Kona Coiler downhill full suspension pedal cycle with hydraulic seat and brake discs, valued at £900.

Police are now appealing for anyone who witnessed this assault and robbery to come forward, particularly a man who is believed to have passed by and spoken with the suspects as the robbery was taking place.

One of the suspects is described as white, 15 to 16 years old, 5ft 5in tall, slim build and wearing a black hooded top and black body warmer.

Detective Inspector Alan O'Brien said: "While the 15 year old victim was uninjured, he was left very shaken. We are appealing for anyone who was in the area of Portobello park to get in touch with police. This bike is very distinctive so similarly we are asking people to be on the look out for it, as the suspects may attempt to sell it on."

“Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”