

Two female students robbed in Viewcraig



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault and robbery of two females in the Viewcraig area of the city yesterday evening.

The incident happened around 8.55pm when the two female victims, who are Chinese nationals studying in Edinburgh, were walking on the footpath on Brown Street in the direction of Viewcraig Gardens.

They were approached from behind by two males, who presented them a knife and demanded their belongings. One of the victims received a cut to her forehead during the robbery. The suspects then made off to Viewcraig Gardens where they were lost to sight.

The first suspect is described as white, 15 to 18 years old, about 5ft 6in to 5ft 7in in height, slim build, short dark brown hair, possibly slightly curly, and wearing dark red/burgundy hooded top.

The second suspect is described as white, 5ft 6in to 5ft 8in tall, slim build, 15 to 18 years old and wearing a dark blue hooded jacket with the hood up, dark trousers and carrying a drawstring bag across his shoulder.

Detective Constable John McShane said: "This was a terrifying incident for the two women and we are appealing for anyone who was in the area of Viewcraigs Garden yesterday evening to contact Police Scotland on 101 in order to help us trace those responsible."