

# Witness appeal following theft of car containing pet beagle



*POLICE UPDATE – The two year old Beagle was recovered safe and well in the Redbraes place area shortly before 2pm after being found by a member of the public.*

Police are appealing for witnesses following the theft of a car which happened around 12.25pm today in Willowbank Row.

A 65-year-old man was standing outside his Honda CRV when four male youths approached him. The victim was then pushed over before one of the suspects entered the car and drove off, turning left onto Ferry Road towards Leith.

The other youths then made off on bikes and on foot.

The male who stole the vehicle is described as white, 15-16-years-old 5ft 9ins tall with dark hair. He was wearing all dark clothing with a hood up and was in possession of a backpack.

The other suspects are described only as white, male, 15-16-years-old and wearing grey clothing.

Officers are now conducting local inquiries to trace these individuals and find the car, which had the man's beagle dog within at the time it was stolen.

Detective Sergeant Lynsey Thomson said: "Fortunately the victim was not injured during this incident, but is obviously deeply upset at the theft of his car and his pet beagle.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who was in the Willowbank Row

area at on Friday afternoon and remembers seeing anything suspicious.

“I would also ask that any members of the public, who spot a Honda CRV with registration number DN06 WND, contact police immediately.

“In addition anyone who can help us identify and locate the suspects should come forward.”

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