

Police hunt three suspects in Fernieside robbery

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following a robbery from a city convenience store.

The incident happened around 5pm yesterday (Monday) at the Fernieside Newsagents in Fernieside Crescent.

A 41-year-old man was working within the shop when three men entered in possession of a knife and a hammer.

The suspects threatened the man and stole a four-figure sum of cash and a large quantity of cigarettes.

When leaving the premises the men struck the victim to the back of the head. He was treated by the Scottish Ambulance Service but did not require further medical attention.

Detectives are now conducting various local inquiries to trace those responsible and anyone with information is asked to come forward.

The first suspect is described as white, around 19-years-old, 5ft 8ins tall with a stocky/heavy build. He was wearing a dark hooded top, dark grey joggers, maroon skate shoes with a white trim and a dark tartan scarf covering his face.

The second suspect is described as white, around 19-years-old, 5ft 10ins tall with a slim build. He was wearing dark clothing, and also had his face obscured by a dark garment.

The third suspect is described only as being white and wearing dark clothing with white trainers.

Detective Constable Jonny Wright said: "Not only was this an extremely frightening ordeal for the shopkeeper, he was also assaulted and robbed of a considerable amount of stock and cash.

"We are pursuing various lines of inquiry to identify these men but would ask anyone who recognises their description to contact police immediately.

"In addition, anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious around the store on Monday evening, or who has any other

information relevant to this investigation should also get in touch.”

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