Police hunt two men following Fountainbridge robbery

Police are looking to trace two men in connection with an armed robbery and assault which took place around 5:25am on Sunday morning in Fountainbridge at the entrance to a block of flats located near to the junction with Gilmore Park.

The male victim, who is in his late teens, had walked from McDonald's in Princes Street, West End, to Costcutter at the junction of Lothian Road and Bread Street. He then turned right along Fountainbridge heading towards Fountain Park when he became aware of two males following him closely from behind.

As he neared the junction for Gilmore Park the two men grabbed him before pulling out knives.

The assailants then walked the man to a nearby common stair entrance. When inside, one of the attackers stole a sum of money and his mobile phone before both made off on foot.

Police are now appealing to anyone with information to come forward.

The first suspect is described as white, aged between 20 and 40 years, skinny build and around 5ft 10ins tall. He was wearing a dark jacket with the hood up which had a badge or crest displayed on the left breast pocket and he spoke with a local accent.

The second male is also white, aged between 20 and 40 years old and around 5ft 10ins tall. He has a dark beard and wearing dark jacket with the hood up, black woolly gloves and had a local accent.

Detective Sergeant Robbie Wallace who is based at Corstorphine Police Station said: "The victim sustained no serious injuries however this incident left him badly shaken.

"We're carrying out various lines of inquiry to trace both suspects and arrest them as quickly as possible.

"I'd be interested to hear from anyone who recognises the description or who was in the Fountainbridge area around the time of this incident. From our early inquiries we believe both men had been loitering near to a Scotmid shop on Lothian Road shortly before the attack.

"Again, anyone who remembers seeing them is asked to contact police on 101 or alternatively the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."