Witnesses sought after man robbed in Pilton

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Police are appealing for witnesses following a robbery in the north of the city which took place around 10.30 p.m. on Thursday yesterday in West Pilton Gardens.

The victim, a 34-year-old man, was walking towards Samsuns Fish and Chip Shop on Ferry Road and had just reached the junction with Ferry Road Avenue when three men approached him.

At this time they engaged him in conversation before one of the men produced a hammer from his sleeve and demanded money.

The victim handed some cash and the males ran off towards Ferry Road Gardens.

Officers are now asking for anyone who can assist with their inquiries to come forward.

The first suspect is described as white, mid twenties, around 6ft lins or 6ft lins tall with a stocky athletic build and clean-shaven face. He was wearing a dark grey hooded to with the hood up, dark jogging bottoms and spoke with an Eastern European accent.

The second suspect is described as white, early twenties with a medium build and heavy stubble on his face. He was wearing a dark hooded top with the hood up and dark jogging bottoms.

The third suspect is described as white, late teens to early twenties, 5ft 6ins tall with a skinny build. He was wearing a hooded top and a body warmer.

Detective Constable Andy Cory from Gayfield Police Station said: "The victim was not injured during this robbery, but was

shocked when one of the suspects produced a hammer and subsequently handed over money.

"We are now urging anyone who was in or around West Pilton Gardens on Thursday evening and remembers seeing anything suspicious to contact police immediately.

"Similarly, anyone who recognises the description of the suspects, or who has any 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.