

Woman robbed of handbag in Nicolson Street common stair



Police are appealing for information following an assault and robbery in a common stair in Edinburgh which took place around 1.25am on Monday morning.

A 20 year old woman entered the stair on Nicolson Street and a man took hold of her from behind. There was a struggle and she fell to the ground. The man and a second man pulled her handbag from her and ran off towards the bridges.

Detective Constable John McShane from Craigmillar CID said: "The woman was extremely shaken by this attack but fortunately not seriously hurt. I'm keen to speak to anyone who was in Nicolson Street at the time of the assault and robbery and may have seen the two men before or after."

The first man is described as white, in his 30s, of slim build, 5 foot 6 inches tall and was wearing a dark grey hooded top, a dark puffer body warmer and dark jogging bottoms. The second man was white and of slim build and was also wearing dark joggers.

The handbag contained items including a laptop and a rare coin. DC McShane continued: "We have since recovered the coin and a 44 year old woman has been arrested and charged for reset and will be appearing at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 20 April. The laptop is still missing and so I want to hear from anyone who may be offered such an item in suspicious circumstances."

Anyone with information which may assist the enquiry should contact Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.