

Attempted robbery at Trinity newsagents now being treated as attempted murder



Following a witness appeal for an attempted robbery in the Trinity area, police are now treating this incident as attempted murder.

At around 5.20pm on Friday 12 August 2016 at the newsagents A & A Stores on the corner of South Trinity Road and Cargil Terrace, two men went into the shop and demanded money, before attacking the shopkeeper and running from the store.

The shopkeeper, named locally as 54 year-old Tahir Ahmed, who is known as Joe, sustained serious injuries and the suspects were last seen running along Cargil Terrace.

The first suspect is described as 20 to 25-years-old, medium build, with a pale complexion and unshaven.

The second suspect is described as 35 to 40-years-old, slim build, pale complexion with gaunt features and unshaven.

Both suspects were wearing dark clothing and dark woollen beanie hats and one was wearing a dark body warmer.

Detective Sergeant Todd Rutherford, of Corstorphine CID, said: "This was a cowardly attack, and the shopkeeper bravely fought off the attackers despite a shocking level of violence and the serious injuries he sustained.

"At the time of the incident, it is likely there would have been pedestrians and drivers in the Cargil Terrace area and we know the suspects were loitering nearby the shop before the incident took place.

“If anyone has seen these men before, during or after the attack, please contact us.”

Those with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.