Witness appeal after 87-year-old man robbed in Charlotte Square

Police are investigating after an 87-year-old man was robbed in Charlotte Square.

The incident occurred yesterday at around 4.30pm when a man approached the victim, who walks with the aid of two sticks, and offered to assist him.

The 87-year-old then felt the man attempt to remove his wallet and, after a struggle, this was successful. An onlooker chased the suspect and retrieved the wallet, however a three-figure-sum of money was removed.

Officers are now looking to trace the man responsible and are appealing to the public for information.
The suspect is described as white man with a tanned complexion. He is around 5ft 11" in height and has short dark hair. He was wearing a black leather jacket, a green or grey round neck t-shirt and blue jeans.

Detective Inspector Grant Johnston said: "This was an appalling attack on an elderly gentleman, who was been left very distressed by this incident.

"We are eager to trace the man responsible. We would urge anyone who may have seen the man described, or who has any information which can help with our investigation, to contact either police or Crimestoppers as soon as possible."

Those with information regarding this incident can contact Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.