

Witness appeal following bogus workmen incident in Linlithgow



Police are appealing for witnesses following a bogus workmen incident in Linlithgow.

Three men attended a home in the Lennox Gardens area on Sunday (August 21), Monday (August 22) and Thursday (August 25).

They claimed to carry out extensive gardening work on the property and defrauded a man in his eighties of a four-figure sum.

On two occasions, they have driven the victim to the bank in a grey Transit-type vehicle to withdraw money.

The first suspect is described as white, in his thirties, of slim build, with short brown hair.

He was wearing blue jeans, a dark jacket and had an Irish accent.

The second suspect is described as white, in his forties, of stout build, with receding hair.

He was wearing jeans, a denim jacket and had an Irish accent.

The third suspect is described as white, in his thirties, well built, with short dark hair.

He was wearing all dark clothing and also had an Irish accent.

Detective Constable Craig Waddell of Livingston CID said: "We're appealing for anyone who may have information which can help with this investigation to come forward as soon as

possible.

“Always be wary of unexpected callers and contact a trusted friend or police if you’re unsure or are made to feel pressured.

“Perpetrators of doorstep crime often target people that they perceive to be the most vulnerable in our communities.

“I’d also encourage everyone to urge elderly friends, family and neighbours to remain vigilant when a caller offers to carry out work on their home.”

Anyone with information is urged to contact Police Scotland on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.