

# Police hunt teenager who tried to rob female jogger in East Calder



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault and attempted robbery in East Calder which took place around 7 p.m. last night on a footpath between Redcraig Road and Langton Gardens.

A 29-year-old woman was jogging in the area when a male approached from behind and struck her to the back before attempting to steal her phone, which was strapped to her arm.

The male was unsuccessful and then ran off past the Scotmid store and hairdressers on Redcraig Road towards the rear of East Calder.

Inquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect and anyone who can assist officers is asked to come forward.

He is described as white, around 14-years-old, approximately 5ft 6ins tall with a slim build and short dark hair. He was wearing a dark grey Adidas hooded top with a large logo on the front and the hood up, black trousers and a black backpack.

Detective Constable Craig Ireland from Livingston CID said: "While the victim was not injured, nor did she lose her phone, this was a frightening incident for her and we are actively looking to trace the male responsible.

"Anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious around Redcraig Road or Langton Gardens on Thursday evening should contact police immediately.

"Prior to the attempted robbery, the woman believes she saw

the suspect walking into Firpark Grove, so anyone in this area with information relevant to our investigation should also get in touch.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111