

Elderly couple fight off robber who tried to steal their car from driveway



A police investigation is underway after a thief who tried to steal their car from a driveway in Stanley Place yesterday afternoon.

A 71-year-old man was washing Volkswagen Golf at 5.30pm when he was spoken to by a stranger.

30 minutes later, another man engaged him in conversation before wrestling him to the ground.

He then got into getting into the car which he tried to drive away.

The man's wife came to his assistance, then after a brief struggle the robber fled.

The couple both suffered minor injuries.

The second man was white, around 6ft tall and in his late twenties or early thirties.

He was described as well built, with dark curly hair cut short at the sides and dark, messy stubble.

He was wearing dark jogging bottoms, a dark T-shirt with writing on the chest and had a tattoo on his left forearm of a name written in "old-style" writing.

Detective Inspector Paul Grainger said: "This was a very frightening ordeal for the elderly victim and his wife, but thankfully neither were seriously injured, nor did they lose their car.

“We have a very detailed description of the suspect and would urge anyone who recognises him, or who can assist us in tracing him to come forward.”

“If you have seen anyone acting suspiciously or unusually in this area around this time or if you believe you have information relevant to our ongoing inquiry then please contact police immediately.”