

# Elderly shopkeeper injured by robber wielding samurai sword at Penicuik newsagent



A police investigation is underway following an armed robbery which took place at Newsboyz newsagent off Bridge Street in Penicuik around 8.10pm on Friday evening.

An 80-year-old shopkeeper fought with the robber who was armed with a samurai sword and during the struggle he suffered a minor injury to his hand.

More than £100 in cash was stolen from the shop.

The suspect is white, around 20-years-old and around 5ft 7in in height.

Detective Inspector Paul Batten said: "This is an extremely unusual offence, given the style of weapon used and thankfully the shopkeeper was not seriously injured.

"We are treating this robbery with the utmost seriousness and I would ask anyone who remembers seeing any suspicious activity around the store on Friday evening to contact police immediately.

"Similarly, anyone who can help us identify and trace the male responsible is also urged to get in touch."

Those with information can contact Dalkeith CID via 101, quoting incident number 3936 of October 6.