

Armed robbery at Midlothian petrol station



A police investigation is underway after an armed robbery at a petrol station in Edinburgh Road Penicuik.

A man entered the premises with a machete at 9.25am on Saturday and stole a three-figure sum from the tills before running away towards Carlops Avenue.

The culprit is described as being in his late teens or early twenties and had short blond hair.

Detective Sergeant James Welsh said: "This was a terrifying incident for the staff within the petrol station, though, thankfully, neither were injured as a result.

"We are conducting significant inquiries within the Penicuik area to identify the suspect and anyone who can assist us is urged to contact police immediately.

"It is believed the man may have been loitering around the boundary wall at the entrance to Tesco around 30 minutes prior to the robbery and so members of the public who remember seeing this individual, or who have any other information relevant to this investigation, should also get in touch."