

77-year-old woman robbed of car during 'frightening' attack in Gorgie



Police are appealing for information following an assault and robbery in Gorgie which took place around 3pm yesterday afternoon near Gorgie War Memorial Hall in Westfield Street.

A 77-year-old woman was loading shopping into her red Toyota Yaris when she was approached by a man who claimed that there was a fault with her vehicle.

He then demanded her keys and grabbed her before a struggle ensued. The woman has sustained a cut to her head and a serious injury to her arm on falling to the ground.

The man has taken the keys from her and stolen the car, which was subsequently recovered around 1pm on Monday, October 1, by officers.

The victim was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary by the Scottish Ambulance Service, where she was released after treatment.

The man is described as white, of medium build, aged 25 to 35, around 5ft 8-9ins tall, wearing a dark-coloured baseball cap, a blue sports-style top and jeans.

Detective Sergeant Ross Nicol of Corstorphine CID said: "This was a frightening attack in a busy area in broad daylight, and I want to thank the people who came to the woman's aid.

"As part of our enquiries, we're urging those who may recognise this man's description, or who have seen the car since this time, to contact us immediately."

Anyone with information can call Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 2411 of 30th September, or report this anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.