

Attempted armed robbery at Niddrie store



Police are appealing for witnesses following an attempted armed robbery which took place at 4.20pm yesterday at Niddrie Licensed Grocers on Niddrie Mill Drive.

A 56-year-old man who was working in the store was approached by a man who entered the shop with a knife. He threatened the shopkeeper and demanded money but was refused and left empty handed.

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

The suspect is described as white man, around 5ft 11ins tall, and he spoke with a local accent. He was wearing a bright blue Stone Island winter jacket, khaki-coloured tracksuit bottoms, black trainers and had his face covered with a snood or scarf.

Detective Constable Christina Yeoman, of Gayfield CID said: "Despite the victim not being physically injured, this has left him extremely

shaken during what was a very frightening ordeal.

“Officers are working to review CCTV in the premises and in the local area as we work to identify and trace the man responsible.

“I would ask anyone who recognises the description of the suspect, or has any information that can help our investigation, to contact officers as soon as possible.”

Those with information should contact Gayfield CID via 101 and quote incident 2428 of the 12 November. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.