

Police hunt pickpockets after £12,000 Rolex watch stolen



An investigation is underway after two instances of pickpocketing in Edinburgh's city centre.

The first took place on St Andrew Square after two men distracted a man before stealing his wallet, then shortly afterwards the stole a £12,000 Rolex watch from another man's wrist in Princes Street.

The thefts occurred between 1.45am and 2am on Sunday morning

Investigating officers are reminding the public to remain vigilant and alert during the busy winter months.

Inspector David Brady said: "When we launched Operation Winter City on Friday, we were keen to highlight that

opportunistic criminals
would be operating in the city centre area and this has proven
the case, with
two pickpocketing reports having now been recorded.

“Please be wary of anyone getting too close to your
personal space or attempting any form of distraction, as they
may be looking to
steal your belongings.

“It is also important to remember and keep hold of your
possessions at all times and do not have any items of value
out on display.

“Our crime prevention advice can be found on our
website.”

For more information, go to scotland.police.uk/keep-safe.