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Debt collector robbed at knifepoint in Shaw, Oldham

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A debt collector was robbed at knifepoint as she made her rounds in Shaw.

The woman had just left a house and was on the way back to her car in Duchess Street at about 8pm on Friday October 12 when she was confronted by a man who pushed her to the ground.

The thief then produced a knife, held it against the woman's side and demanded cash.

She was then grabbed by the neck and dragged to her car with the knife pushed in her side, before the thief stole a large amount of £20 notes from the vehicle.

He then fled up Rossendale Way and out of sight.

He is described as white, of a stocky or muscular build, about 5ft 6in tall and in his mid to late 20s. He was wearing a black woollen beanie hat, a black nylon waterproof jacket and a scarf around his face.

Police are now appealing to anyone with information to come forward.

Detective Constable Stewart Lindsay said: "Given the victim's profession, we believe this was a targeted attack as the thief knew she would have a relatively large of amount of cash with her.

"To hold a knife to someone and threaten them is a cowardly act - understandably this woman felt very frightened and did the right thing to give her attacker money rather than risk being physically attacked.

"We need to find this man and take him off our streets so I would appeal to anyone who has information to come forward."

Anyone with information is asked to call Oldham CID on 0161 856 8951 or the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



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