Armed raiders target Tregaron

POLICE are hunting for a masked man and a woman who carried out an armed raid at a Tregaron shop. The man, armed with a hand-gun, and the woman, brandishing a knife, held up Coron Stores in Station Road at 3.50pm on Thursday.

After threatening staff, they made off with around £600 from the till, and escaped in a getaway car.

Now police are offering a £1,000 reward for information leading to their arrest and conviction.

Horrified shop owner Dilwyn Williams wasn't in his premises at the time.

He said this week that his two counter assistants were unharmed, but obviously shaken up after their ordeal.

He said: "The counter assistants are fine, but are badly shaken."

It is thought that the masked robbers were driving a maroon-coloured Citroen, and that they had used a sheet to cover their back numberplate.

The car is also thought to have various distinctive marks all over it, including some stickers.

Mr Williams said: "A lot of people have seen the car and the police have got some good information."

"Apparently the car had been in Tregaron for a number of hours."

"I would ask anyone who has seen the car to come forward with any information."

Mr Williams believes that the two robbers had been looking around Tregaron, and looking around at various shops in the village.

He said: "They had been around Tregaron during the day checking out the shops and I think because we were quiet they just decided on our shop."

Mr Williams appealed to anyone who saw anything at all or may have any information about the robbery to contact either himself or the police.

He said: "I would ask anyone who knows anything to come forward and give any information they have and either speak to myself or the police."

Police have issued descriptions of the two robbers. The man was white, aged between 20 - 30 years, around six feet tall, with short dark hair.

The woman was white, aged about 17 - 23 years, about five feet two inches tall, medium build, with mousey-blonde hair.

The police have also issued a CD fit of the woman involved.

Detective Inspector Gareth Jones, based at Aberystwyth police station, is leading the hunt for the armed robbers.

He said: "We are anxious to trace a dark coloured Citroen ZX car seen in Tregaron around the time of the incident."

"An incident room has been set up at Aberystwyth police station, and anyone with information which might assist in our investigation is asked to contact Aberystwyth police station, on 01970 612791, or Crimestoppers (0800 555111)."