

Six sought after cash theft from post office

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POLICE are searching for a group of East Europeans after an unknown quantity of cash was stolen from East Meon post office.

The theft last Thursday happened after six people went into the post office and distracted staff.

The three men and three women arrived at the post office at about 2-20 pm. Five distracted staff while a sixth went behind the counter and removed a quantity of cash thought to be through the security door.

The theft was believed to have gone unnoticed until another customer was served.

The group then drove off in what is described as a "tatty" blue car, possibly an estate with a B or E registration.

The post office, which stands between the River Meon and the main street, has been run for five years by Frank and Jenny Wheeler.

Police are appealing for witnesses who may have seen the group or their car in the area. Contact WPC Karen Warren at Petersfield police station on 01730 262666.

There have also been reports of similar thefts from village stores and post offices in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.