

Attack in Edinburgh's New Town

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after a teenage girl was assaulted in the capital.

The incident happened around 2am on Friday 20th August in the West Scotland Street area of the city.

The 17-year-old was walking home when a male approached from behind and pulled her into West Scotland Street Lane, where she was knocked to the ground and assaulted.

The male attempted to remove the girl's upper clothing but she was able to call for assistance and several members of the public came to her aid.

The suspect then fled the scene up Scotland Street where he was lost to sight.

Detectives are now appealing for anyone who was in the area and witnessed anything suspicious to come forward.

The suspect is described as white, between 20 and 30-years-old, 5ft 9ins tall and wearing casual clothing.

A police spokesman said: 'Thankfully, the victim was uninjured and was quickly assisted by members of the public following this incident.'

'Nevertheless, given the apparent sexual motivation of this assault, we are treating this extremely seriously and are urging anyone who was in Scotland Street or the surrounding areas and saw anything suspicious to come forward immediately.'

'Similarly, anyone with information that can assist with our enquiries or who recognises the description of the suspect should also contact police.'