

# Murder Enquiry

Police in Edinburgh can now identify the man who died after being stabbed in the Wester Hailes area of the Capital on Monday 9th August.

He is 33-year-old Martin Hughes, of Wester Hailes Park. A murder investigation has been launched as a result of the incident, which happened at around 3pm, in Wester Hailes Park.

Witnesses saw the victim leave the common stair of a block of flats in the area, and collapsing on the roadway outside. He was taken by ambulance to The Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, but later succumbed to his injuries.

The suspect, who is believed to be local to the Wester Hailes area, is described as being around 30 years of age, 6ft tall, with fair/ginger hair.

When last seen he was leaving the rear of the block of flats where the incident occurred, and making off over a square and into the rear of another block of flats, before being lost to sight.

At the time he was wearing a dark tracksuit top with a zip, and light coloured tracksuit bottoms.

Detective Inspector Matt Richards, who is leading the investigation, said: 'This was a tragic incident that has resulted in the needless death of a young man who was popular within the local community, and we are appealing for any witnesses who haven't yet contacted police to come forward.

'Anyone who was in the area of Wester Hailes Park on Monday afternoon, who saw the victim or the suspect there, should get in touch as a matter of urgency.

'Similarly, anyone else who has any information that can assist our inquiries should also contact us.

'At this time we are following a positive line of inquiry, and there is no wider danger to the public at large. However we have stepped up uniformed patrols in the area in order to provide reassurance and support to local residents.'