

Lothian and Borders Police

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Four men have been arrested and charged in connection with an alleged housebreaking from an Edinburgh business premises.

The arrests were made at a property in Eastfield, Portobello as part of a nationwide operation involving all Scottish police forces to target commercial housebreakings.

The men aged 23, 41, 46 and 47 are scheduled to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday 25th October.

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after a car struck a pedestrian in the capital.

The incident happened around 3.20am on Friday in Picardy place.

A 25-year-old man was at the junction with Broughton Street when he stepped onto the road and was struck by a Vauxhall Vectra.

The male was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary where he is currently being treated for serious head and neck injuries and remains in a serious condition.

A police spokesman said: 'Despite the time at which this collision occurred, the area is often busy and members of the public may have witnessed the incident.'

'If you were in Picardy Place around 3.20am on Friday morning and have information that can assist with our enquiries, we would ask you to contact police immediately.'

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after an incident in the East of Edinburgh on 20th October when a man was injured.

The 27-year-old victim was injured as he was entering Bannatyne's Health Club at Newcraighall around 7pm on Wednesday night.

He was taken to hospital where he was treated for his injuries which are not life-threatening.

Detective Chief Inspector Richard Thomas, who is leading the investigation, said: 'We know that the area outside the building was busy with people last night and we are appealing for anyone who was there between 6pm and 7pm and may have seen something suspicious to come forward.

'Similarly, someone using the facilities last night may have seen something that could be vital to our investigation and we would encourage them to speak to us as a matter of urgency.

'While our investigations are at an early stage, they are progressing at a good pace. We would like to thank the members of the public who may have been inconvenienced last evening for their patience.'

CCTV footage from the local businesses has been recovered and is being examined and a fingertip search of the car park outside the leisure facility is being undertaken today.

An incident room has been set up at Craigmillar Police Station where a team of detectives will be working from.

Lothian and Borders Police are urging the public to remain vigilant after a card-skimming device was found on a city-centre ATM.

The device was found around 7pm on October 19th at an RBS cash

machine on Princes Street.

A male who was attempting to withdraw cash observed the ATM had been tampered with and reported the matter to police.

Detectives have now seized the device, which is described as being approximately 10cm long and 1.5cm thick with a small hole cut in it, through which a mobile phone was used to record pin numbers typed into the keypad.

Police are now urging people to be wary of similar devices on cash machines across the Force area.

A police spokesman said: "People using cash machines are often in a hurry to withdraw cash and be on their way and as such fail to notice that the ATM has been altered by criminals looking to gain access to their pin number and bank accounts.

"Our communities should always make sure that the machine they are using is safe and never key in details to a machine they have doubts about.

"Anyone who spots a card-skimming device on an ATM should remove it and bring it to the attention of the bank who operate the machine, who will in turn, alert police."

"In addition, if you see suspicious activity on your bank account, please bring it to the attention of your bank as soon as possible."

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after an 18-year-old youth had his jaw broken in an unprovoked attack in the early hours of Monday morning (October 18).

The incident happened in Ponton Street, in the Tollcross area of the Capital, at around 3am.

The victim and his friend had left the Lava and Ignite

nightclub and had walked into Ponton Street, when they were attacked by a group of males.

They both suffered facial injuries, and were taken by ambulance to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

The main suspect is described as white, 17 to 23-years-old, 5ft 10ins tall, medium build, with short blond hair. He was wearing a red checked shirt with a white pattern, and blue jeans.

A police spokesman said: "One of the victims suffered a broken jaw as a result of this unprovoked attack, and we are appealing for any information that can help us identify those responsible.

"Anyone who was in the area at the time and saw what happened should contact police immediately.

"Similarly, anyone who recognises the description of the suspect, or who has any other information that can assist our inquiries, should also get in touch."