

Police seek witness to serious assault

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for a significant witness to come forward following an alleged serious assault in Edinburgh in February.

Thirty-seven-year-old Mark Cochrane, from Upper Grove Place, Edinburgh, suffered serious facial injuries following an incident at his home on Friday 18th February around 7pm.

It is believed that after the incident, Mr Cochrane walked to Grove Street where a vehicle stopped and the driver offered assistance.

Police are keen to talk to the driver of this vehicle in order to establish exactly what happened.

A 29-year-old man has been charged in connection with this incident, and has appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Friday 8th April.

Mr Cochrane was admitted to hospital on Sunday 27th February, and subsequently died on Wednesday 30th March.

A police spokesperson said: "We are seeking to trace the person who stopped to help Mr Cochrane following the incident in Upper Grove Place, as we are seeking to establish exactly what happened as a result of that incident.

"We are appealing directly to that driver to come forward as they may have information which could prove vital to the investigation.

"Anyone who was in the area at the time, or who may have seen a man with bad facial injuries in the street, should contact police as a matter of urgency."

Anyone with information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.