

# Lothian and Borders Police news




Police in Edinburgh have today issued a photograph of a man they wish to trace in connection with their enquiries in connection with the murder of Maciej Ciania.

Detectives are keen to trace **Grzegorz Gamla** (pictured left) in connection with enquiries into the killing of Mr Ciania.

The body of the 34-year-old Polish man was found within his flat in Dickson Street, Leith, Edinburgh on Saturday, January 14.

Grzegorz Gamla is a Polish man and is described as white, 6' 1" (186 cms), thin build, brown eyes, short dark close cropped hair, he has a distinctive tattoo on his left forearm of a spider and the words 'Hardcore Forever' in English.

He was last seen wearing dark clothing including a dark coloured Beanie style hat.

Detective Superintendent Gary Flannigan said: "There is a  strong possibility that he is no longer in the Edinburgh area and he may have travelled to other cities in the UK where he may have associates, or that he may leave the country.

"A team of 40 plus officers has been working on this inquiry but so far we have been unable to trace Mr Gamla.

"We have had a lot of support from the Polish community, both locally in the Leith area of the city and from the wider community.

A Crimestoppers reward of up to £1000 has been offered for

information that leads to the arrest of the person involved in the death of Mr Ciania.”

Anyone who recognises Mr Gamla is asked not to approach him but to contact their nearest Police station, Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Polish speaking officers have been helping the murder inquiry team and are available to speak to members of the public.

Appeals and media releases have been translated into Polish, Russian and Lithuanian and this appeal will be circulated throughout the UK and, in particular, to transport networks and hubs.

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Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses following a hit and run incident in Edinburgh.

A 62-year-old man was crossing the road in Bruntsfield Place at around 4.40pm on Wednesday when he was involved in a collision with a red moped.

Both the pedestrian and the moped rider fell to the ground before the rider got back on his vehicle and rode off Southwards along Bruntsfield Place.

The man was taken to the ERI where he was treated for minor injuries.

Police are now urging anyone who saw the collision to come forward.

There is currently no description of the rider and the bike is only described as red with learner plates on it.

A police spokesman said: “Fortunately the pedestrian was not seriously injured as a result of this collision. However, it

is vital we trace the moped rider to establish the full circumstances surrounding this incident.

"We would ask that he make contact with police immediately.

"Similarly, anyone who was in the Bruntsfield area at the time and can assist with our enquiries is also asked to get in touch."

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Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for witnesses after a young woman was the victim of a serious sexual assault in Edinburgh on Monday January 23 2012.

The 16-year-old was approached by a man while she was standing at the bus stop on Broomhouse Road near the blue changing pavilion about 9.10pm.

He told her to follow him round the back of the changing pavilion where he attacked her.

The suspect is described as being white, of skinny build, in his early 30s, and was wearing a dark jacket and dark jeans. He was also carrying a white-coloured carrier bag with red beer cans in it.

CCTV opportunities in the area are being explored, and there are increased high visibility patrols in the area to reassure local residents.

In particular, officers are keen to talk to any dog-walkers who may have been in the area at the time and who may have information to assist the inquiry.

Detective Inspector Keith Fairbairn said: "This has been a sickening attack on a young girl, and a full inquiry team has been established to trace the man responsible.

"We are appealing for anyone who may have been in the

Broomhouse area last night, and who may recognise the description of the suspect, to come forward.

“Although it was quite late, the area is popular with dog walkers, so there is a chance they may have seen or heard something suspicious around that time.”