

Police appeal for witnesses to assault

☒ Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following an alleged serious sexual assault that happened within the grounds of a church in the city centre at the weekend.

The 45-year-old female victim was assaulted in the area of the graveyard at St Cuthbert's Church, by Lothian Road.

The incident happened between 11pm on Saturday (August 4) and 00.30am the following day.

Police have arrested and charged a 43-year-old man in connection with the assault, and he is expected to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today.

A Lothian and Borders Police spokesman said: "The graveyard is located close to Lothian Road, and we are appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time, who noticed the victim and the suspect there, or saw or heard anything suspicious, to contact police immediately."

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