

# Police appeal for witnesses to Portobello assaults last weekend

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after three men were assaulted in Portobello over the weekend.

The incident happened around 10.45pm on Saturday 27 April 2013 within the Three Monkeys pub. Three men entered the bar and after a short time became involved in a disturbance with patrons and staff inside.

As a result, a 25-year-old member of bar staff sustained minor injuries, while another man aged 39 suffered serious facial injuries and was taken to the RIE for treatment.

A further male, who was assaulted during the incident left before police arrival. The suspects then made off from the premises onto Portobello High Street before being lost to sight.

Detectives are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The first suspect is described as white, late twenties to late thirties, 5ft 10ins tall with a stocky build, short brown hair and round features. He was wearing khaki-coloured trousers and a beige crew-necked top.

The second suspect is described as being white, between 35 and 45-years-old, 5ft 7ins tall with a stocky build and bulging eyes.

The third suspect is described as white, late twenties, average height with a thin build. He was wearing a light-coloured top that possibly had leather patches on the sleeves.

Detective Constable John McShane said:- “All three suspects are believed to have visited the pub, having attended a local boxing event at the nearby town hall, and almost immediately became involved in a dispute with those inside the premises.

“During the disturbance three men suffered various injuries and we are keen to trace the third victim, who was not present when officers arrived.

“Similarly, anyone who can help us identify the men responsible, or who has any other information relevant to this investigation should contact police immediately.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.