

Police investigate sexual assault in Wester Hailes



Police in Edinburgh are investigating a sexual assault that happened in the Wester Hailes area of the Capital last night (Monday, September 24).

The incident took place around 9pm at the underpass that runs beneath Wester Hailes Road leading to Murrayburn.

The 22-year-old victim was approached by a man who spoke to her before subjecting her to a sexual assault. Following the incident the victim fled towards Murrayburn.

The suspect is described as white, mid 20s to early 30s, 5ft 8ins tall, with an athletic build, and brown or black hair. He wore a white hooded top with an emblem on the left chest area, and his nose appeared as if it had been broken.

Detective Sergeant Keith Fairbairn, from Police Scotland, said: "While the victim was not injured, she was left understandably distressed as a result of her ordeal, and we are appealing for any information that can help us trace the suspect.

"Anyone who was in the area of underpass that runs beneath Wester Hailes Road towards Murrayburn around 9pm last night, who either witnessed the incident or who noticed the suspect there, should contact police.

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

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 0800 555

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