Earl Grey Street assault – Police update

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Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses to a serious assault that happened in the Capital in the early hours of this morning.

A 37-year-old man was found with a serious head injury in Earl Grey Street around 3.15am. He was taken by ambulance to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, before being transferred to the Western General Hospital, where he is in a stable condition.

The victim and his girlfriend had been walking into Lauriston Place when they were confronted by two men. An altercation then took place which led to the woman being knocked to the ground. The man then followed the two suspects into Earl Grey Street where another confrontation took place, resulting in the victim being seriously injured.

The two suspects are both described as white, in their early 20s, average build, with short dark coloured hair.

One was wearing a dark coloured hooded top with writing on the right sleeve and an emblem on the left chest area, dark coloured trousers and white shoes.

The other was wearing a dark coloured top with a red crew neck top underneath, dark coloured trousers, and white shoes.

Detective Sergeant Raymond Gray, from Police Scotland, said: "The victim has suffered a serious head injury for which he is receiving hospital treatment, and we are appealing for any information that can help us trace the two suspects, who were last seen running in the direction of Semple Street following the incident in Earl Grey Street. "We know that there were witnesses who were in the area at the time who saw what happened, and we are appealing to those people to come forward and help us with our inquiries.

"Anyone else with any information that can help us should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."