

# Witness appeal following assaults in Southside



Police officers in the south side of Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses to two assaults which took place in the same area in the early hours of Saturday morning (December 21, 2013).

The first incident took place in the Grange Road area, between 3am and 5am, when a man walking from Causewayside towards Kilgraston Road after a Christmas night out was knocked to the ground and his wallet and mobile phone stolen. He had to be taken to hospital with facial injuries.

Around 4.45am another man, this time walking alone southwards on the west footway at Causewayside, was grabbed from behind by a man and dragged into a vennel between Tesco and the BP Garage. He was pinned down by the man and had his mobile phone and wallet stolen by another man who also went through his pockets. Both then made off towards the Causewayside direction.

Detective Constable Emma Wilkinson, from Craigmillar CID is leading the investigation. She said: "I believe both assaults may have been committed by the same men, who are described as being white, and wearing dark clothing. One of the men had a local accent, was about 6'2" in height and was of skinny build, wearing a dark hooded top with hood up. The only description of the second man was that he was also wearing dark clothing.

"I would appeal to anyone who has any information which would help us bring these thieves to justice to call Police Scotland

on 101 or supply the information anonymously through  
Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."