

Police investigate serious assault in Nicolson Street



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault on a security guard in Nicolson Street, Edinburgh yesterday afternoon.

The incident happened around 12.10pm when a man attempted to shoplift from the Lidl supermarket in the city's Nicolson Street.

He is described as being White, 5ft 7inches tall, slim build and 20-30yrs of age with dirty bushy hair. He was wearing a sandy coloured, long sleeve top, dark blue jeans, white trainers and had a distinctive blue body warmer with camouflaged pockets.

Detective Sergeant Andrew MacRae, who is leading the investigation, said: "On being challenged, the man began to struggle violently with a security guard, and this continued outside the store. During this incident the security guard was stabbed a number of times by what we believe was a used syringe. He then ran away north towards Edinburgh city centre.

"Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has any information about the identity of the man is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."