Witness appeal following vicious assault in Tranent

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Police officers in East Lothian are appealing for witnesses to a vicious assault on a 26-year-old man by two men, believed to be in their 20s, who also encouraged their dog to bite their victim on the head.

The incident took place yesterday (Saturday, March 22, 2014) around 11am on the footpath from Haddington Road to Northfield in Tranent.

Detective Constable Andrew Hope, who is leading the investigation, said: "The victim was attacked with such severity by both men, who also encouraged their brown coloured Bull Mastiff dog to bite him on the head, that he will need plastic surgery.

"We do not have any description of the men who carried out this assault, but believe they had been seen earlier in a white Vauxhall Corsa, which may have had a black roof.

"Anyone who saw this assault take place, or can help us identify the two men involved, is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or provide the information anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."