

Police release new description of indecent assault suspect



Police investigating two linked indecent assaults in the Leith area of the city in the early hours of 14th April, have released a new description of the suspect.

The first incident happened around 12:15am on Easter Road when a 30-year-old woman was putting a rubbish bag out onto the street. She was approached by the suspect, who then grabbed her and followed her back to her flat. He ran off after the victim raised the alarm, and was lost to sight in the Easter Road area.

The second incident happened around 1am on Henderson Street when a 23 year old woman was alighting from a bus. As she walked towards Giles Street, the suspect approached her, grabbed her with both arms and indecently assaulted her. She managed to scream for help and he was disturbed by a witness in a neighbouring property.

The suspect is described as white, mid 20s, 5ft10in to 6ft tall, medium build, fair complexion and with short dark hair.

He was wearing navy jeans, dark trainers and a black hooded jacket which featured an Adidas logo on the right chest, a white stripe across the back and three white stripes on both shoulders.

Detective Sergeant Keith Fairbairn said: "Police are continuing to engage with the community in Leith and following enquiries we now have a further description. We would like to emphasise that incidents like these are extremely rare but we

are fully committed to tracing the perpetrator.

“If anyone has any information or recognises the description of the suspect, they are urged to contact police immediately.”

Police are appealing to anyone with information that can assist their inquiries to contact Police Scotland on 101, or Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.