

# Police link indecent assaults in Livingston



Police in Livingston are linking an indecent assault at a property in Orchard Place, Livingston on Wednesday 7th May with another assault that occurred approximately four weeks before at a nearby property in Scott Brae, Livingston.

Around 5.20am on 8th April, a woman was in the rear garden of a house in Scott Brae when she was subjected to an indecent assault. When the victim screamed out, the suspect made off to the rear of the property and into a wooded area.

This incident was brought to light following an analysis of potentially linked incidents that are similar in nature to the indecent assault at Orchard Place at 3.30am on 7th May.

Police are now appealing to anyone who noticed any suspicious behaviour in the Scott Brae and Orchard Place areas of Livingston over the last five weeks.

Police are particularly keen to trace an unidentified male who was seen near Orchard Place in the early hours of 7th May.

He is described as white, 5ft 8in to 5ft 10in in height, short dark hair, pointed features and wearing a grey coloured hoodie.

Detective Superintendent Pat Campbell from Police Scotland said: "Following new information, we are now in a position where we can link these two indecent assaults that occurred in Livingston over the course of a month.

"We are fully committed to catching this perpetrator, but I would advise women to take care when walking alone at night in Livingston, and to report any suspicious behaviour they may

have noticed.”

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.