

Witness appeal following robbery in Lanark Road



Police are appealing for information after a man was assaulted and robbed of his mobile phone on Lanark Road, Edinburgh on Monday evening.

Enquiries are ongoing after a 17-year-old male was attacked by four males as he waited for a bus at the bus stop at Gillespie crossroads on Lanark Road, opposite Tower House Nursery, at around 9pm on Monday 19th May.

He was approached from behind by four men when, without provocation, one of them assaulted the man – resulting in facial, neck and leg injuries – and stole his mobile phone. The suspects then made off in the direction of Wester Hailes.

The suspects are all described as being white – with the one who carried out the attack being in his late 20s-early 30s, around 6 ft. 4 in tall, large muscular build, with short black messy hair, piercing blue eyes, and had some teeth missing. He spoke with an Edinburgh accent and was wearing a dark hooded top and dark jogging bottoms.

Two of the other men in the group are described as being about 6ft 4 in tall, medium build, and wearing hooded tops.

The fourth male is described as being 5ft 4in tall; thin build with distinctive bleached blonde short-cropped hair. He was wearing dark green zipped hooded top and light blue jeans and light brown shoes.

Detective Constable Richard Emerson, who is leading the inquiry, said: “This was an unprovoked attack which has left the victim with a number of injuries.

“Police are looking to speak to anyone who saw the incident or the described group of males in the area around Gillespie Crossroads of Lanark Road, Edinburgh around 9pm on Monday.”

Anyone with information on this crime can contact Police Scotland on 101 or, alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.