Man critical after altercation in South Queensferry

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Police are investigating after a 20 year old man was seriously assaulted following an altercation in South Queensferry in the early hours of this morning.

The serious assault happened on The Loan, near to Scotmid, around 1.30am.

The man was conveyed to ERI where he is in a critical condition.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed this altercation to contact police immediately.

Detective Inspector Raymond Brown said: "This was a violent assault where the male received significant injury and an investigation is ongoing.

"We are appealing for anyone who was in or near The Loan around 1.30am and who witnessed a disturbance, to contact police immediately. We are also keen to trace a car that was seen in the area at the time.

Chief Inspector Mark Rennie said: "I'd like to reassure residents that at this stage this appears to be an isolated incident and following our initial investigation we have now reopened The Loan to all traffic.

"We will also have officers in the area tonight to reassure the public and carry out further enquiries."