

Serious assault in Gilmerton Dykes Crescent



A serious assault last night has led to an appeal by Police Scotland for witnesses.

The incident happened between 9.30pm and 9.40pm yesterday in Gilmerton Dykes Crescent.

An 18-year-old man was within his home when three men forced entry to the address before attacking him.

The men then made off from the property before fleeing on a motorcycle towards Gilmerton Dykes Street.

As a result, the victim sustained serious facial injuries and was taken to St John's hospital where he continues to be treated.

Detectives are now urging anyone who can assist with their ongoing enquiries to come forward.

The first suspect is described as white, around 5ft 11ins tall with a heavy build and wearing a black hooded top and balaclava.

The second suspect is described as white, between 5ft 8ins and 5ft 10ins tall with a medium to stocky build and wearing black clothing and a black balaclava.

The third suspect is described only as being of stocky build and also wearing black clothing and a black balaclava.

Detective Constable John McShane said: "This has been a terrifying ordeal for the victim, who was left with painful injuries to his face after being attacked within the property.

"We are now keen to speak with anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious in or around Gilmerton Dykes Crescent on Tuesday evening.

"In particular, if anyone remembers seeing a dark-coloured motorcycle either entering or leaving the area between 9.30pm and 9.40pm, is asked to contact police immediately.

"In addition, anyone with information that can help us identify and trace the suspects is asked to get in touch."

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