

City centre assaults 'may be football related'

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following two incidents of serious assault, which occurred last night (Sunday, October 26).

The first incident occurred at Melville Bar, William Street at around 8:30pm. A 46-year-old man was attacked and suffered facial injuries. He was treated at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

The second incident occurred at Scotts Bar, Rose Street at around 9pm. Two men, aged 29 and 30 years old, were attacked by a group of men when they entered the bar. Both victims also sustained facial injuries and were taken for treatment at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Police believe these incidents may be football related and are now eager to speak to any witnesses.

The man sought in connection to the first incident in Melville Bar is described as white and around 5ft 8" in height. He has a medium build is either in his 30s or 40s. He was wearing a white or grey fleece.

Four men are sought in connection to the incident at Scotts Bar.

The first man is described as white and between 20 and 25 year-old. He is around 5ft 11", with a slim build and dark brown hair gelled forward. He was wearing a white zipped top with green and white football top underneath.

The second man is white, in his mid 30s with a medium build and a bald head. He was wearing a khaki green jacket.

The third man is also white, between 35 and 45 years old, with

a large build. He has short ginger/brown hair and was wearing a beige jumper. He also has a scar on his left cheek.

The final man is also described as white, in his mid 20s with a medium build. He has dark brown hair and full beard. He was wearing dark blue jeans and a navy jacket.

Detective Sergeant Lynsey Thomson who is leading the investigation says "I would appeal to members of the public who were within the premises at the time or who may have seen these people in the area to get in touch with the police."

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