

Police appeal following serious assault in Princes Street



Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault in Edinburgh's city centre.

The incident happened around 6pm yesterday (Tuesday) in Princes Street.

A 25-year-old woman was begging at the Wellington statue in the east end when a male approached from the direction of the St James centre and attacked her.

The victim sustained a cut to her right cheek and the suspect made off up West Register Street before being lost to sight.

Anyone who can assist officers in tracing the male responsible is asked to come forward.

He is described only as being white with a slim build and wearing a blacked hooded jumper.

Detective Constable Andy Cory said: "This appears to have been a random and unprovoked attack, which left the victim with a painful injury to her face.

"Anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious on Princes Street on Tuesday evening is asked to contact police immediately.

"In addition, anyone with any further information relevant to this enquiry should also get in touch."

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