

# Serious sexual assault in Abbeyhill area



Police are appealing for witnesses following a report of serious sexual assault that took place between 10.30pm and 11pm yesterday (Friday) in the Abbeyhill area of the city.

A 37-year-old woman had been drinking in the city centre earlier in the evening and met a male who she drank with for a short time.

The pair then walked together in Spring Gardens where the man subjected the victim to the attack.

Officers are currently following a positive line of enquiry in relation to this matter but are eager to speak with anyone who can assist with their investigation.

Detective Inspector Keith Fairbairn said: "The victim has been left extremely distressed by this attack and we are conducting various enquiries in Spring Gardens at this time.

"Anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious in the area late on Boxing Day evening is asked to contact police immediately.

"In particular, we are keen to speak with a male and female couple who are believed to have passed the victim and suspect around the time of the incident. These individuals are also urged to get in touch as soon as possible."

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