

Witness appeal following serious assault in Regent Bar



Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault on a 35-year-old man inside the Regent Bar, Montrose Terrace.

The incident occurred at around 0.30am this morning (Thursday, January 1). As the victim approached the bar, he was confronted by four men, one of whom then struck the 35-year-old's face with a glass.

The victim sustained severe facial injuries, which will cause permanent disfigurement. He was taken by Police Scotland for treatment at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and has now been released.

The suspects immediately left the premises and walked away in the direction of London Road.

The first suspect, who was responsible for the attack, is described as a white man, with a Mediterranean appearance. He is between 5ft4" and 5ft8" in height and in his early 30's. He has a slight build, brown eyes and short brown hair with a side parting. He also has a Scottish accent and was wearing a blue sweater.

The second suspect is described as a white man in his mid 20's to early 30's. He is around 5ft6"-5ft10" in height with a heavy/ muscular build. He has brown hair and was wearing a dark pullover and trousers.

The third man is also described as white and in his mid 20's to early 30's. He has a stocky build, red-brownish hair and a squint. He was wearing a navy-blue jersey.

The fourth, and final, suspect is also a white man in his mid

20's to early 30's. He has dark hair and was wearing a dark top.

Detective Constable Graham McIlwraith said: "This was a deplorable and completely unprovoked attack on a innocent man, who was out for New Year with his wife and friends.

"As a result of this attack, the victim has been badly shaken and left with permanent scarring to his face.

"We are looking to trace these men as a matter of urgency. We are also eager to speak anyone who may have witnessed the attack in the Regent Bar or who may have seen the suspects walking in the direction of London Road in the immediate aftermath.

"This establishment was extremely busy at the time of the assault. Therefore we are asking any members of the public who may have taken pictures of the attack to contact us and submit their photographs to officers.

"Anyone with any information, or pictures to submit, should contact Police Scotland immediately on 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

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