Good Samaritans assaulted after going to assist woman in Princes Street

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Police are appealing for witnesses following the assault of two men on Sunday.

The two victims, aged 50 and 55, were walking along Princes Street around 3.20am when they saw a woman being assaulted on the eastside pavement at the junction of Princes Street and Waverley Bridge.

The man who assaulted her is described as white, 25-30 years old, 6ft 4inches tall, with a slim build. He was wearing a black shirt and dark trousers.

They attempted to intervene and were subsequently assaulted by at least one male and required hospital treatment for facial injuries.

The suspect is described as white, 5ft 9inches tall, with short brown hair. He was wearing a red checked shirt and blue jeans.

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

Detective Constable Iain Wallace of Gayfield CID said: "This was a brutal attack on two men who appeared to be offering their help and we are urging the woman involved to contact us so we can establish the full circumstances surrounding this incident.

"We're also asking anyone who witnessed the incident, who saw the suspects around the time of the incident, or has any information which can help with our enquiries, to come forward."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.