

Renewed appeal following serious sexual assault in Dalkeith



Police Scotland is today refreshing its appeal for information one week after a woman was subjected to a serious sexual assault in Dalkeith.

It was around 3:45am last Sunday (June 28) when the 27-year-old was attacked by a man who forced her into a wooded area between Lauder Road and Wester Kippielaw Drive.

Since then, divisional officers have carried out additional patrols in and around the town as well as review CCTV footage and speak with a number of local residents.

Police are again asking the public for their assistance in an effort to trace the suspect.

He is described as white, aged approximately 20-years-old, around 5ft 7inches tall and with a very slim build. He has short dark hair and was wearing tight fitted jeans and a shiny black top with a zip on the front.

It is thought the man may have been at a local nightclub earlier in the evening and may have been ejected.

Detective Chief Inspector John Peaston said: "It has now been one week since this dreadful attack was carried out on a lone female who was on her way home.

"We have had an encouraging response from the public as part of our ongoing enquiries but I want to take this opportunity to again appeal to anyone who was in the area in the early hours of last Sunday and who noticed any unusual behaviour

whatsoever to please come forward.

“I am especially keen to hear from delivery drivers, tradesman or anyone else who was travelling to or from work to contact police. There is a possibility that they hold information that may on the face of it seem very minor but placed in the bigger picture of an investigation has the potential to be absolutely crucial.”

Anyone with information that can assist with the ongoing investigation is asked to call the non-emergency number 101 or, alternatively the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.