Two men sought after serious assault in Lothian Road

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Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault in Lothian Road which took place on Friday, July 31, at around 9pm near The Hanging Bat when two male suspects, who had stolen an item from a nearby premises, were challenged by three men.

An altercation ensued which resulted in the serious injury of a 23-year-old man. He sustained dental and facial injuries, and was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment.

Officers are now eager to trace the two men responsible and are appealing for information to assist in their enquiries.

The first suspect is described as a white man in his late 20's. He had a slim build, fair short hair and a local accent. He was wearing a light grey top with a black backpack.

The second suspect is described as a white man in his late 20's to early 30's. He was around 5ft 9inches in height with a medium to large build, had black or dark brown short hair, and also spoke with a local accent. He was wearing a black t-shirt, which was ripped on the left shoulder.

Detective Constable Sara Hamilton said: "This was an upsetting incident, which has left the victim with potentially permanent damage to his face and mouth.

"We are eager to trace these men as soon as possible, and anyone with information is asked to contact police immediately."

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously through

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.