

Police hunt men who shouted indecent comments and spat on teenage girl



Two men who shouted indecent comments and then spat on a 19-year-old woman at Edinburgh Park station are being sought by British Transport Police (BTP) officers.

Around 7.20pm on Thursday, 7 January 2016 the woman alighted from the 18.29 Dunblane to Edinburgh Waverley service and was followed by the two men – both aged between 17 and 25 years – who made the indecent comments to her. Then as she made her way out of the station down the steps one of the men spat on her.

The young woman was left extremely upset by the men's actions, who were last seen heading off towards the nearby retail park. CCTV footage from the station will be reviewed in an attempt to identify those responsible for the unprovoked attack.

Meanwhile Detective Constable Paul Farquhar, the BTP officer in charge of the enquiry, is appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident to contact him.

He said: "The actions of the two men can only be described as being despicable. I am appealing for anyone who was at the station and has information which can assist BTP enquiries to come forward. I am particularly keen to speak with a man who noticed how upset the victim was and remained with her until the two other men had left the station."

One of the men believed to be responsible is described as being thinly-built and about 5'8" in height, wearing a grey hooded top, grey jogging bottoms and he also had a black scarf over his face. The other man is also described as being of thin build and the same height as the other man and was wearing a hooded top and a scarf over his face.

British Transport Police can be contacted on 0800 40 50 40 or by texting 61016 – quoting reference B5 of 15/01/2016. Information can also be given anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111