

Renewed appeal following city centre attack



Police are renewing their appealing for witnesses following a serious assault in the city centre last month which took place at around 2.30am on Sunday 20th December in Queen Street.

The male suspect approached a 33-year old woman in the street and began to pay her unwanted attention until her husband intervened.

At this point an altercation took place between both men during which time the victim sustained a serious facial injury.

Two further men, who are believed to have known the suspect, approached the group and attempted to calm the situation.

The suspect and the other two men were last seen heading down Queen Street Gardens East.

Following this attack the victim was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Officers have since been pursuing a number of lines of inquiry into this assault and have now released an image of the injury the victim sustained.

The suspect is described as white, between 20 and 30-years-old 5ft 11ins tall with a stocky build and a local accent. He had short fair hair and stubble and was possibly wearing a grey-coloured top with thin black stripes.

One of the men who intervened is described as white, in his early thirties, 6ft 2ins tall with a slight build. He had

short ginger hair, a clean-shaven face and was wearing a white t-shirt and dark trousers.

The second man is described as white, in his early thirties 5ft 8ins tall with a slight build, dark hair and stubble on his face. He was wearing a grey-hooded jacket and dark jeans.

Detective Constable Alison Wyllie said: "This was a violent attack which has left the victim requiring ongoing treatment, and we're conducting extensive enquiries in order to trace the suspect.

"We have released the image of the victim to show the extent of his injuries and to perhaps convince whoever was responsible to come forward.

"I would also ask that the two men who intervened contact police immediately and assist us with our ongoing investigation.

"Similarly, anyone else who witnessed this assault, or who has any further information relevant to this inquiry, should also get in touch."

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