

# Man in hospital after unprovoked attack on North Bridge



Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault which took place around 3am this morning near to Whistlebinkies public house on North Bridge.

A man in his 30's was approached by an unknown male as he walked towards North Bridge having left the pub only moments earlier.

The suspect then struck the male to the head before making off on the Royal Mile heading east.

The victim sustained injuries to his head and was taken by ambulance to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh where he remains in a serious but stable condition.

Police are carrying out inquiries into the matter are ongoing and officers want to hear from anyone who witnessed the attack or who saw the suspect.

He is described as white, 5ft 10ins tall, in his mid 30's with a medium build and has a bald head. At the time of the attack he wore a light coloured jacket, black t-shirt and jeans.

Detective Sergeant Paul Greig who is based out of Gayfield, said: "This would appear to have been a completely unprovoked attack that unfortunately resulted in an innocent man being seriously assaulted.

"The victim had been enjoying a night out when the suspect approached him and attacked him for no obvious reason.

“Our inquiries into this matter are ongoing and I today appeal to anyone who recognises the description of the attacker or who may have been in the area of North Bridge during the early hours of Friday to come forward immediately.”

Those with information relevant to the police investigation are asked to call 101 or the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.