Police release CCTV images following city centre attack

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Police have released images of a man they wish to trace in connection with a serious assault on Princes Street, Edinburgh on Friday 29th January 2016.

The incident occurred at around 12.10am when a 20-year-old man sustained serious injuries.

Detectives are keen to trace the man pictured within the CCTV footage who was seen to be in the area at the time of the assault. He is described as a white, of medium build, between 5 foot 8 and 5 foot10 inches tall, in his late 20s or early 30s, with short dark receding hair and a Scottish accent. The male was wearing light denim jeans and a grey jacket with a white or light grey rucksack over both shoulders and had a white Staffordshire bull terrier with a brown or black spot on the base of its tail.

Anyone who recognises the man in the images is asked to contact Police Scotland immediately.

DC Christopher Harding from Gayfield CID said: "The victim was on a night out with friends and was subjected to an assault during which he suffered a significant injury. The man pictured is believed to be of significance to our investigation, and anyone who can assist in tracing him is asked to come forward. Similarly we would ask this man to get in touch and help with our investigation."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or the charity Crimestoppers in complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.