Witness appeal following serious assault in Linlithgow

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Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault in Linlithgow which took place around 11pm on Saturday night in the car park at Linlithgow Rugby Club in Mains Road.

A 25-year-old man standing next to his parked car when he was approached from behind by a man, who punched him to the face causing him to fall to the ground. The suspect then repeatedly kicked the 25-year-old.

Following the assault the injured man made his way in to Linlithgow Town Centre to get help.

Detectives are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The suspect is described as white man in his forties with a stocky build. He is around 5ft 10″ in height with short dark hair. He was clean-shaven with facial acne scarring.

He spoke with a local accent, was wearing a dark knitted style hooded top with fleece lining and had with him two Boxer style dogs, one dark coloured and the other pure white coloured.

The suspect was driving a light blue Ford Focus.

Detective Constable Jo McCall, of Livingston CID, said: "This was an extremely violent attack that left the man seriously injured and hospitalised with significant facial injuries.

"We are now appealing for anyone who was in the area at the time and remembers seeing anything suspicious, or the victim walking injured through Linlithgow, to contact police immediately.

"In addition, anyone who may have seen the suspect, or who recognises his description is also asked to get in touch."