Investigation underway following indecent assault in Penicuik

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Police are investigating a report of an indecent assault in the Deanburn area of Penicuik which took place around 3.15pm yesterday afternoon in a wooded area near to Rullion Road and Deanburn.

Two girls, both aged 14, were walking when a man walked past them and touched one of the girls inappropriately.

The man is described as having a tanned complexion, in his late thirties or early fourties, with a heavy build, dark messy hair and a beard.

He was wearing a green and brown striped jumper, bootcut jeans and dark footwear. His hair and clothing were covered in dust and dried mud.

Sergeant Michele Lindsay of Penicuik said: "As part of our ongoing inquiries we're asking anyone who may have seen the man in the area, or who recognises his description, to come forward. Likewise, I would urge anyone who may have information about this incident to contact us."

Those with any information can call Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident 2434 of 20 July, or report this anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.