

Witness appeal following indecent assault in Rankeillor Street



Police are appealing for witnesses following an indecent assault that took place around 3 a.m. on Sunday 1st October in Rankeillor Street.

A 23-year-old woman was about to enter a common stair when a male grabbed her from behind and attacked her.

The victim fought the suspect off, who then made off from the area.

Inquiries are ongoing to trace this individual and anyone with information is asked to come forward.

He is described as white, in his early thirties, 5ft 5ins tall with a medium build, deep set eyes, very short blond hair and wearing a light-coloured hooded top.

Detective Inspector Donnie MacLeod from the Edinburgh Public Protection Unit said: "This attack left the young woman extremely distressed and we are pursuing a number of lines of inquiry to identify the male responsible.

"If you remember seeing any suspicious activity on Rankeillor Street during the early hours of Sunday morning then please contact police immediately.

"We are also keen to speak to you if you recognise the description of the suspect or have any other information that can assist with this investigation."

Those with information can contact the Public Protection Unit

in Edinburgh via 101 and quote incident number 2933 of the 1st October. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.