Man detained in connection with Fleshmarket Close rape

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An investigation is underway after a 44-year-old woman was raped in Edinburgh city centre.

Fleshmarket Close was cordoned off following the attack which took place around 3am on Wednesday morning.

Police say that a man has been detained in connection with the attack and officers have appealed for anyone with information to come forward.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "Police in Edinburgh are investigating following a report of serious sexual assault on a 44-year-old woman.

"The incident happened sometime around 3am on Wednesday, December 6, in the High Street area.

"A man is currently detained in connection with this inquiry, however, anyone who believes they may have information relevant to the ongoing investigation is asked to contact police immediately."