

Detectives believe that three assaults near Union Canal on Sunday are linked

Detectives are renewing an appeal for information after two assaults on the Union Canal tow path in Edinburgh.

Both incidents happened on Sunday, 13 October.

The first happened near to Harrison Park around 7pm when a 31-year-old man was assaulted while cycling on the tow path. He was taken to hospital for treatment and later discharged.

The second happened near to Watson's Rowing Club where a 50-year-old man walking on the path was assaulted. He was uninjured and did not require hospital treatment.

Officers are also investigating an incident around 5.40pm on the path near to Meggetland Bridge where a man acted in a threatening manner towards a woman walking in the area.

All three incident are being treated as linked.

Officers are working to identify a man described as being between 20 and 30-years-old, around 6ft tall, lean build, pale complexion, gaunt face, clean shaven, short dark hair with dark eyebrows. He was wearing a dark blue hoodie and white trainers.

Detective Inspector Gordon Couper said: "We believe all three of these incidents are linked and would urge anyone with information to get in touch."

"We believe there were other people using the path around the time of these incidents and would urge anyone who witnessed anything to let us know. We'd also be keen to speak to anyone who have photographs or video footage from the area around these times.

"We would urge people to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us. We have dedicated officers patrolling both the general area and the tow path specifically who you can speak to.

"Information can also be passed by calling 101, quoting incident number 2814 of Sunday, 13 October, 2024.

"Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 where information can be given anonymously."