

DNA could hold key to rapist

DETECTIVES hunting a rapist who snatched a woman from a Coventry street before raping her in a car park believe DNA evidence could snare the attacker.

Today they made a fresh appeal to anyone who may have seen anything suspicious to come forward.

The Evening Telegraph reported yesterday how the 20-year-old was walking alone along Drapers Fields, near Coventry Canal Basin, at around 10pm on Sunday when she was attacked.

She was grabbed from behind and forced into a car park at the Canal Basin and raped.

Appeals

Det Sgt Andy Bannister, of Little Park Street Police, said witness appeals and a review of CCTV footage had so far proved fruitless.

As well as searching for other witnesses, officers will continue door-to-door inquiries and will re-visit the scene.

But Det Sgt Bannister hopes DNA evidence currently being analysed could be the key to finding the rapist.

After the attack, the distraught victim sought help from a couple who were walking in the area.

Her attacker is believed to be white.

Anyone who was in the area between 10pm and 11pm on Sunday is asked to ring police on 024 7653 9082.