

Detectives hunt city rapist

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING the second rape in Cardiff during the past two weeks believe there may be more than 100 people who might have been in the area at the time.

As a team of 40 detectives continued house to house inquiries today Detective Chief Inspector Bob Evans said police were still anxious to trace a group of three people seen talking about 11 pm on Sunday by the back lane running between Partridge Road and Elm Street.

The 26-year-old victim of the assault passed the group shortly before she was attacked.

"It is possible the three people seen in the land could have been making their way home from either the Four Elms public-house, the BBC club or the Roath Conservative Club," said Det Chief Insp Evans.

"There were about 80 people attending a folk night at the BBC Club and there were other people at the public-

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house and the Conservative Club. All these people are potential witnesses who could help us."

The rape victim was confronted by a man in a nearby back lane when she lost her way. She had got off a Newport bus in Newport Road and had with her a dog, which was a cross between a collie and a spaniel.

Her attacker is described as between 20 and 24 years of age and 6ft tall. He had a broad build and his large round face was clean shaven. He had medium cut, dark brown hair with a side parting and was wearing a light coloured cardigan and a dark shirt.