

National Story

Motorist egged, then bashed by youths in hiding

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Police in Christchurch are looking for a group of youths who threw eggs at a passing motorist, then bashed him when he stopped to confront them.



Constable Simon Mooney, of New Brighton police, said a group of four or five youths appeared to have been hiding behind a small brick fence outside the premises of a Bishopdale funeral home about 11.30pm last Friday.

Two of the group attacked the 37-year-old motorist when he stopped to confront them about the eggs, knocking him down and kicking him repeatedly in the head as he lay on the ground.

"He got out of the car and approached one of them who was trying to hide from him and just got set to," Mr Mooney said.

He said the man's niece, who was travelling with him, called police while the attack was continuing. The youths left the area heading toward Bishopdale Mall.

The man was taken to hospital with head injuries, but later discharged.

Mr Mooney said the youths were described as Maori or Pacific Islanders aged between 15 and 19.

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