Two men receive severe head injuries in assaults

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TWO men in their 40s were viciously assaulted in Limerick in two separate incidents.

The first attack took place just after 10.30 p.m. on Friday when a man was found unconscious by a passer-by in a lane off Parnell Street. He was removed to the Mid-Western Regional Hospital suffering from severe head injuries. He is from the south side of the city and gardaí are not revealing his identity.

According to a Garda spokesman, "he is very serious in intensive care and has not regained consciousness. We have been unable to interview him."

In the other attack, on Saturday, a man in his mid-40s received serious head injuries when he was assaulted near the Roxboro shopping centre in the city. The incident took place at 5 p.m. and the victim was transferred to the University Hospital, Cork.

Gardaí at Roxboro 061-214340 are trying to establish how the attack took place and are appealing for anyone who may have been in the vicinity at the time to contact them.