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# Former Burton pub landlord found in ladies' toilets after slamming door on woman's fingers

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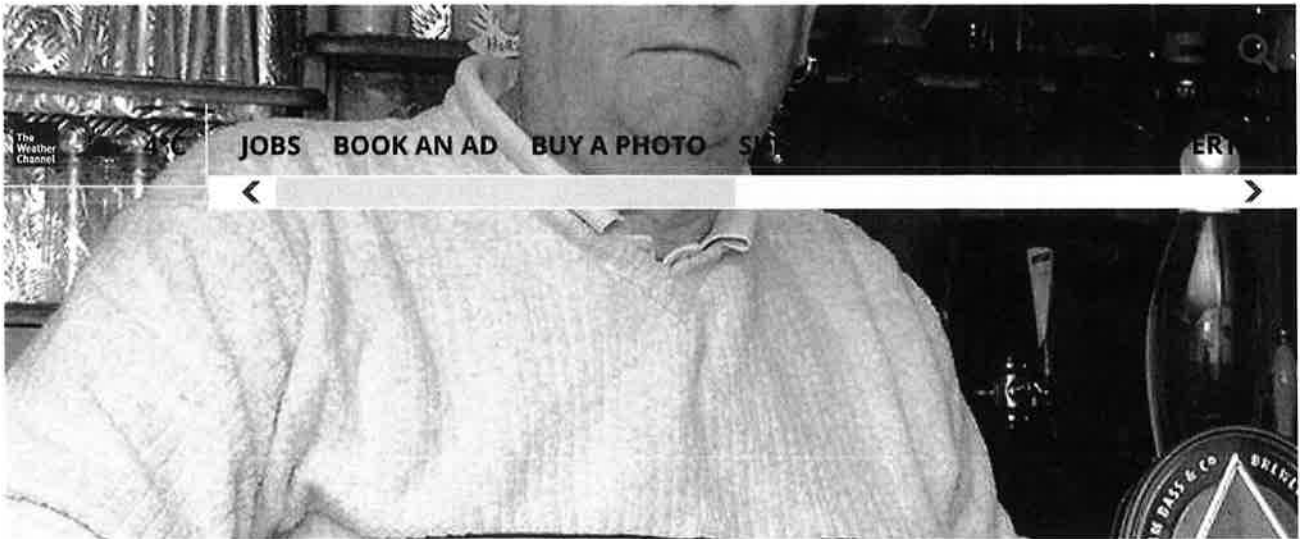
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**Shaun Doyle when he was running the Loaf and Cheese, in Burton, in 2009.** (Image: Burton Mail)

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A former Burton pub landlord slammed a bedroom door on a woman's fingers in a heated row - then locked her upstairs and fell asleep in the ladies' toilets, a court has heard.

Cannock Magistrates' Court heard how Shaun Doyle inflicted a "really nasty injury" on his victim by **slamming the door** while her fingers were in the doorway.

She called police in the early hours when Doyle subsequently locked her upstairs in **Burton pub** The Navigation.

**Officers smashed** their way into the pub to find 67-year-old Doyle in the women's toilets, where he had reportedly dozed off.

Now Doyle, a former landlord of **Stapenhill pub** The Plough, has been ordered to pay £200 compensation to his victim after pleading guilty to assault.

He was also made the subject of a two-year community order.

Nick Wenden, defending, said: "There was an argument, he stormed off upstairs and she followed him.



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"He slammed



her finger.

"He says he didn't intend to injure her.

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**He appeared at Cannock Magistrates' Court**

"Clearly the argument was ongoing and he decided to remove himself. He went downstairs.



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"He's had a c



"He says he didn't hear the police - the first thing he heard was when police came into the toilets and shone a light in his face.

"He didn't appreciate she [his victim] didn't have a key and he wasn't awake to open the door."

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Mr Wenden said alcohol was "a factor" in the life of Doyle, who also used to run the Loaf and Cheese, in Waterloo Street, in Burton.

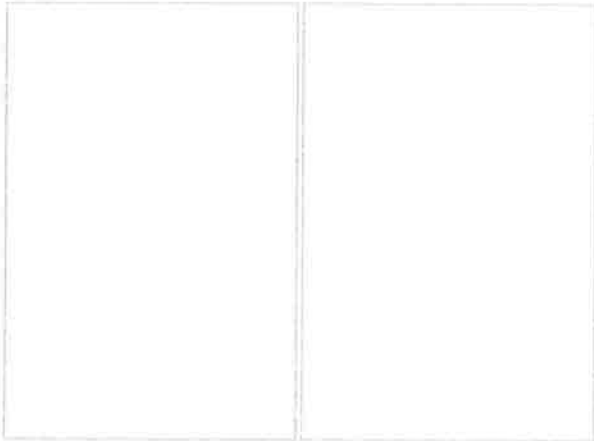
Mitigating, he said: "He struggles emotionally as he has no family locally and no outlet when things come to a head.

"He's currently subject to a community order [for another assault] from last year and is going well on that."

Magistrates made Doyle, of The Anchor, in New Street, Burton, the subject of a 12-month restraining order banning him from contacting the victim, as well as fines

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They include a £50 fine, an £85 victim surcharge, £400 court costs and £200 compensation to the victim, whose injury magistrates described as "a really nasty injury which should not have happened".

The offence took place on October 20 last year.

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