

Travel Lodge Incident on the 13/01/2023 and 14/01/2023

My name is James Rowland and this is what happened on the night of the incident on the 13/01/2023 and 14/01/2023 at travel lodge I was in my room and my girlfriend called me and asked me to come downstairs there was a guy there asking about if I knew anyone local it was unusual for Deon to call me as she had only gone down to get food so I came down stairs to the bar and found Deon with a guy leaning over her showing her pictures on his phone Deon then see me and he turned round and started showing me pictures of his scars, but you could also see naked pictures of himself on his phone.

I could tell there was something not right with my girlfriend she seemed very uneasy around the guy.

The guy asked me if I knew where a local pub was as he was not from the area, I said I did and he asked me to show him where it was.

I then went for a cigarette and came back where he started being aggressive with another customer staying at the Travelodge about an earlier interaction to which I told the other customer to leave the guy.

Deon left and went up to the room as soon as her food was ready, she then had to come back down to me as I had the key to the room, I give her it and said I would be back soon she went back to the room with the food.

The guy again asked if I could show him where the local pub was, I agreed to take him there as I was going there anyway, on the way the guy started to be very racist towards black people I said hold on you cant be saying them things its wrong and that my girlfriend was also mixed raced, I told him to stop it was wrong what he was saying, the guy did stop and never said anything more like what he had been saying.

When we got to the pub whilst there the guy was arguing with the locals and getting very handsy with the girls that were there, I told him he needed to calm down which he did for a little while then started again.

I had called Deon to come meet me at the pub, when she got there the guy was being very creepy again with her, so as soon as the guy started to talk with someone, me and deon left the pub without him seeing and went back to the hotel.

Me and deon had been back in our hotel room some hours just chilling.

later on, that night we heard a knocking and first ignored it then a banging and kicking on our hotel door it was the guy extremely drunk demanding he come in shouting why had I left him in the pub on his own. I was shouting at him to go away.

The guy when got into the hotel room he hit me, I was trying to get him out of the hotel room he was trying to push pass me, he kept hitting me and pushing me, I was bleeding, I had to protect myself so hit the guy, we ended up in the corridor fighting as he was still trying to get in the hotel room door again. I don't remember much as of the fight but my face was bleeding from cuts to my face and I have sustained badly bruised or cracked ribs from him throwing me around.

I was very angry and ignorant to help being given to me from the security guard and from the police that had arrived on the scene, I then left the hotel as I did not want there to be anymore arguments and I went home to try and sort my injuries out.

The next day I went back to the hotel, the police came looking for the guy at 1st they asked if I was George I said no he was the one that attacked me. The police said Kent police had called them about the guy and that's why they were there, I think he was wanted by Kent police. I then explained to the police what had happened at the hotel and why I was so badly injured I told the police everything that had happened, this happened outside the hotel while I was speaking to police Deon came out of the hotel as she had to leave the hotel the cab was waiting for her.

The police stated they would send me a text with the crime ref for the attack on me.

