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Patron assaulted - ending crowd controllers' career

A fractured cheekbone. Stitches to the eye and head. All were the results of an assault at a bar in Modbury. And now, in the District Court, Kole James Bottroff of Nairne has been prohibited, until further order, from being employed as, or otherwise from performing the functions of, a security agent, after inflicting these injuries on a patron.

While he was on duty at the Clovercrest Hotel, Modbury, Bottroff became involved in an altercation with a patron. The results of this altercation required the patron to seek medical attention for a fractured cheekbone and lacerations to the head.

In July 2004 Bottroff appeared in court on charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months imprisonment, which was suspended on him entering a 12-month good behaviour bond. Following the convictions, OCBA took disciplinary action against him.

Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Mark Bodycoat said, "The licensing system for crowd controllers and other security agents is meant to protect the public. Crowd controllers have a responsibility for the safety of patrons. As this conviction demonstrates, Mr Bottroff is not a person who should hold a security and investigation agent's licence."

To check whether a person holds a licence, or to verify someone's licence details, visit the Licensing Public Register at www.ocba.sa.gov.au or telephone 8204 9686 or 131882 (country callers).



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