

Allan Armbrister prosecutes Uber driver accused of sexual assault

Naveed Iqbal, an Uber taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting two of his passengers in Leeds, has lost an appeal to keep his private hire licence.

Leeds City Council claimed Naveed Iqbal used his brother's Uber driver login whilst he was away and assaulted two women on separate occasions.

Further investigation into the matter found that the Uber driver account logged in at the time of the assaults belonged to Mr Iqbal's brother, though he was away at the time. Mr Iqbal denied the allegations made against him and blamed a "technical fault" on the phone or the Uber app.

The city's crown court heard no charges had been brought, but a judge said it was him who carried out the attacks "on the balance of probabilities".

He was told to pay £1,500 in fees.

Judge Simon Batiste concluded with "He's extremely fortunate that criminal charges have not been brought against him.

Allan Armbrister is an accomplished and determined trial advocate specialising in all areas of criminal law. He tends to concentrate on serious violence (including murder), public order, sex offences and conspiracies, particularly where there is a variety of expert witnesses to challenge.