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## Jury clears barman Adam Jozefczak of date attack

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Adam Jozefczak, third right, celebrates with friends and family after being cleared of sexual assault

A BARMAN in York thanked his family and friends for standing by him after he was cleared of date-raping a university student – bringing his “months of hell” to an end.

Adam Jozefczak, 25, was accused of carrying out the sex attack on a 21-year-old woman after the pair had been on a drinking session in York city centre.

But after hearing all the evidence, the jury of five women and seven men took only ten minutes to return a verdict of not guilty at York Crown Court.

Mr Jozefczak’s parents, girlfriend and friends, who were sitting in the court’s public gallery, broke down in sobs as the Recorder of York, Judge Stephen Ashurst, said he was free to leave.

Speaking exclusively to The Press following the end of his trial, Mr Jozefczak, said he was “too happy for words”.

“It has been horrible for me since March last year, and a difficult time for my friends, family and my girlfriend, Rebecca,” he said.

“After months and months of hell, I am now so very, very happy.

“I want to say a big thank-you to all my friends and family who stood by me during this time and a thank-you to the jury who could see that I am an honest man and what I said was true.

“Every month I was in and out of the police station not knowing what would happen. I just want to put it all behind me and concentrate on getting on with my life.”

As reported yesterday, the woman, a student at the University of York at the time of the alleged assault, who gave evidence this week, claimed that when she woke up from sleeping off a hangover at Mr Jozefczak’s flat on March 10 last year, he was pressed against her and touching her.

The woman said she had been out with her housemates the night before at a Slug & Lettuce bar in York, and later met Mr Jozefczak in Vodka Revolution bar for a first date.

Admitting she had got “very drunk” on a mixture of wine, cocktails, vodka and shots, the woman said that, after moving on to The Stone Roses bar and then The Gallery nightclub, in Clifford Street, she went back to Mr Jozefczak’s Gillygate flat.

She claimed she had then fallen asleep, only to be woken with a start the next morning, when she alleged she had been raped.

Mr Jozefczak had told the court that he had danced and kissed her in the nightclub, but denied that he had sexually assaulted her the following morning.

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