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Named and shamed

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FOUR youths who launched a series of violent Christmas Eve attacks, causing "lasting and devastating" consequences, were sentenced to almost 20 years detention.

Luke Bosworth, aged 17, Sean Dove, 17, Callum Gordon, 15, and Darryl Ullah, 16, were searching for cars to break into when they set upon Jason Mains as he returned home from a night out.

Mr Mains, a 32-year-old painter and decorator, was beaten unconscious, robbed of his wallet and mobile phone, and left lying in Byfield Road, St James, at 4.30am on December 24 last year.

But the youths soon returned to continue kicking him in a bid to force the unconscious victim to give up his bank PIN code. Ben Gumpert, prosecuting at Northampton Crown Court, said: "Mr Mains was subsequently accidentally struck by a vehicle driven by another victim of this same group."

Andrew Gilbertson, 50, got out of a hired Renault to see what he had hit, only to be faced with the gang running at him.

He fled and raised the alarm at a nearby garage but Bosworth, Dove and Gordon took his car.

While Ullah refused to get in and tried to stop Gordon, the others jumped in with Bosworth in the driver's seat. Despite Mr Mains being injured and unconscious, the car was driven over him on about the fourth attempt.

He suffered a punctured lung, fractured ribs and pelvis, a deep indentation to his skull as well as extensive crush injuries.

After spending 12 weeks in hospital, he is now "practically crippled" and no longer has control or feeling in his left foot.

Passing sentence, Judge Charles Harris said: "This was pointless, brutal, drunken violence in a public place. Alcohol-fuelled pure savagery.

"People like you must be deterred from behaving like this, must be punished for behaving like this and the public have to be protected from people who behave like this."



Clockwise from top, left: Luke Bosworth, 17, Sean Dove, 17, Callum Gordon, 15, and Darryl Ullah, 16.

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Judge Charles Harris



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