

# Driver fined after cyclist seriously injured in collision

A NURSE who had just come off a 12-hour night shift at University Hospital Galway collided with a cyclist on Tuam's outskirts while driving home, the local District Court heard last week.

The victim suffered a fractured femur and a detached retina as a result of the incident. Appearing before Tuam District Court, Peter Totten of 1 Meadow Avenue, Milltown Road, Tuam,

pleaded guilty to the charge of careless driving.

The incident occurred around 7.50am at Ardcong - on the roundabout linking the Milltown Road, Dunmore Road and the Tuam bypass.

Prosecuting Sgt Stan O'Grady said the cyclist was seriously injured after he was struck by the defendant's MPV on June 9, 2021.

Defending solicitor Danny McGrath said his client, a

nurse, was coming home from a night shift at UHG and didn't see the cyclist and thought the roundabout was clear. His client had helped the man at the scene and brought him and his bike

home.

Judge James Faughnan took the defendant's early plea into consideration and didn't impose a driving disqualification. He issued a fine of €350.