

Motorist who hit woman with car escapes driving ban

A motorist who collided with a pedestrian in the car park of a Gorey supermarket incurred a careless driving conviction.

Martin Sheehan (35) from 19 Meadowgate, Gorey, accepted that he was to blame for the accident at Tesco.

His vehicle struck shopper Paula Hickey from Riverchapel Parade who was coming out of the store pushing her trolley on January 26 in 2020.

Defending barrister Martin Dully suggested to the Circuit Court that his client was moving at no more than 11 km/h when the accident occurred.

But Judge Martin Nolan learned that the effects on the injured woman were serious.

She sustained damage to her ankle and leg which required surgery, followed by a stay at a nursing home in Arklow.

Then, later in the course of her treatment, she developed a clot in her lungs and went into kidney failure.

Investigating Garda Shannon Fahy agreed that an illegally parked jeep must have



Tesco Gorey.

distracted the father of two.

Mr Dully stated that his client needed his licence for his work with a nutrition firm.

The judge admitted that he avoids going to shopping centres because they are so difficult to park in.

He concluded that Shee-

han's driving had not been that bad though it led to quite serious injuries.

The conviction for careless driving came with a fine of €750 and the mandatory five penalty points.

No disqualification was added.