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'I'D LOCK YOU UP BUT THERE'S NO ROOM'

Man spared jail despite convictions for GBH and dangerous driving



By **STAFF REPORTER**

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A MAN who was using his mobile phone when he ran down a pedestrian and broke a second victim's arm in an unprovoked street attack has been spared custody because of the overcrowded state of prisons.

Bradley Hale, 20, of Winner Street, Paignton, was told by Judge Jeremy Griggs, *pictured*, at Exeter Crown

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■ **MOBILE PHONE
INCIDENT: Drew Street,
Brixham, where the
driving offence occurred**

Swim ban lifted at Torre Abbey

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ONE of Torbay's beaches has been given the all clear following a pollution alert.

'No swimming' signs were taken down at Torre Abbey yesterday and the council is confident Preston will also get the go-ahead for bathers to return today.

The swimming ban began last week after both beaches failed bathing water pollution tests.

The failures have been blamed on heavy rain and run-off from streams crossing the beaches.

Community councillor Jeanette Richards said following a good water quality test by the marine water tester, the Environment Agency, the signs at Torre Abbey sands have now been removed.

She added: "While Preston's results showed a significant decrease in the level of contamination, it is still slightly below the mandatory level.

"Further tests were due to be carried out on Preston Beach later yesterday afternoon and we are confident that we should get the all clear on Wednesday at the latest and we will then make arrange to have the signs removed."

The problems have not killed off the chance of the beaches getting a Blue Flag next summer, as each is allowed two strikes before it is out.

Cllr Richards said: "We have a very good working relationship with the Environment Agency and South West Water and as a result received a record number of Blue Flags this year including Preston beach and

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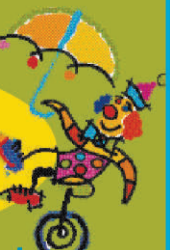
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