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Guitarist's promising music career threatened by burning oil accident

A guitarist who was badly burnt while working as a chef in a Kensal Rise pub has been awarded a five figure compensation settlement after it was revealed that he feared his musical career was at an end.

Arkadiusz Kosiacki, aged 30, a guitarist with the group, Super Unknown, was living in Bethnal Green and working as a chef at the Greyhound Pub in Kensal Rise, in February, 2004 when he tried to move a pot of hot oil which he was forced to use because the deep fat fryers had broken. The hot oil spilt all over his hand and right arm and he was taken by ambulance to St Mary's Hospital in Paddington but had to be transferred to the Burns Unit at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital for an operation for skin grafts. He has now got scarring to both his hand and his arm.

His solicitor, Caroline Kerr of Islington Personal Injury specialist solicitors, Bolt Burdon Kemp, said: "Mr Kosiacki's employers were aware that the deep fat fryers were broken but didn't repair them. Instead Mr Kosiacki was required to use a pan of hot oil. During the course of the evening the oil became burnt and needed

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changing. The oil spilt over his hand and arm as he was moving the pan. He was in agony and spent some time in hospital”.

The out of court settlement of £25,000 was agreed against Kushti Ltd, based in Highgate, who are responsible for the Greyhound Pub.

Mr Kosiacki, formerly of Bethnal Green, now living near Piccadilly Circus, said: “This accident turned my life upside down. I lost my job as a chef because I couldn’t work, I couldn’t play the guitar properly because the muscles were damaged and I was worried I wouldn’t be able to play the guitar any more . It’s taken me 18 months to change my technique of playing and I’ve had to concentrate on rock music not the classical music I was playing before . Now our band, Super Unknown, is going to be playing for three record companies in November with a view to a contract,” he added.

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