

the temporal joint and the mandible, which is the jaw, that moves, and there is a joint, the temporal mandibular joint which is just in front of the ear here (witness indicated).

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Q. And did he tell you at that examination that he had a lot of pain while chewing from side to side?

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A. Yes.

Q. And I understand that an x-ray was taken, is that right?

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A. That is correct.

Q. And that x-ray did not show a fracture?

A. It did not show a fracture.

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Q. What is your diagnosis of him as a result of what you were told and what you saw and what you observed. Was your diagnosis temporomandibular joint dysfunction?

A. Correct.

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Q. Could you tell the ladies and gentlemen what that means in layman's terms?

A. It's a medical term for a strain of the joint when it has been moved in excess of its normal range of movement.

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Q. And, doctor, what you saw and what you diagnosed, was this consistent with his complaint? Was this consistent with being caused by being struck on that part of his face?

A. Yes, I think so.

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Q. Either by a fist or an elbow?

A. I can't comment on that.

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Q. But it would be consistent --

A. It would be consistent.

Q. -- with a blow from either the fist or the elbow, is that correct?

A. Yes.

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Q. Could you tell us, doctor, what sort of force would be required by the fist or elbow to cause that sort of injury? Would it be significant force?

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A. I find that difficult to answer because I'm not qualified in that field. However, it would be consistent with some degree of force. As to what degree, I don't know.

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Q. You again saw him on 28 April, is that correct?

A. 26 April - I'm sorry, correct, 28 April.

Q. When you saw him on the 28th, was he still complaining of discomfort in the jaw area?

A. Yes, that's right.