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Craig Hopwood, left, Scott Capper, Michael Ward and Daniel Howarth at court

Stag party jailed after eight hours of drunken hell on flight to Vegas

A BRIDEGROOM and three stag party guests were jailed yesterday for the "eight hours of pure hell" they caused other passengers with their drunken behaviour on an aircraft.

They were rowdy, fought each other and dropped their trousers in front of cabin crew and passengers, including 12 children, a court heard.

The flight from Manchester to Las Vegas was forced to land in Canada to remove the men – but operator Thomas Cook had to foot the £29,182 bill which included their journey back to Britain.

Construction boss Michael Ward, 33, and three of his seven-strong group got drunk on rum and vodka with one shouting: "I've got £300 of alcohol

By **Cameron Sinclair**

here." Crew had to confiscate 10 pints of alcohol during the flight. One of the stag party began performing drunken press ups in the aisle while shouting "boom".

Another sat opposite a stewardess and stared at her. He said: "I'm going to ruin your time like you've ruined ours", after she refused to serve him alcohol. Two men also tried to lift the skirt of one female member of the crew.

The pilot made an unscheduled stop at Winnipeg on March 24.

In a statement, passenger Francis Dwyer said: "They were screaming and shouting and one of them called a stewardess a 'scouse bitch' when she refused

to serve them alcohol. I could see males behind us fighting and punching each other. It was eight hours of pure hell."

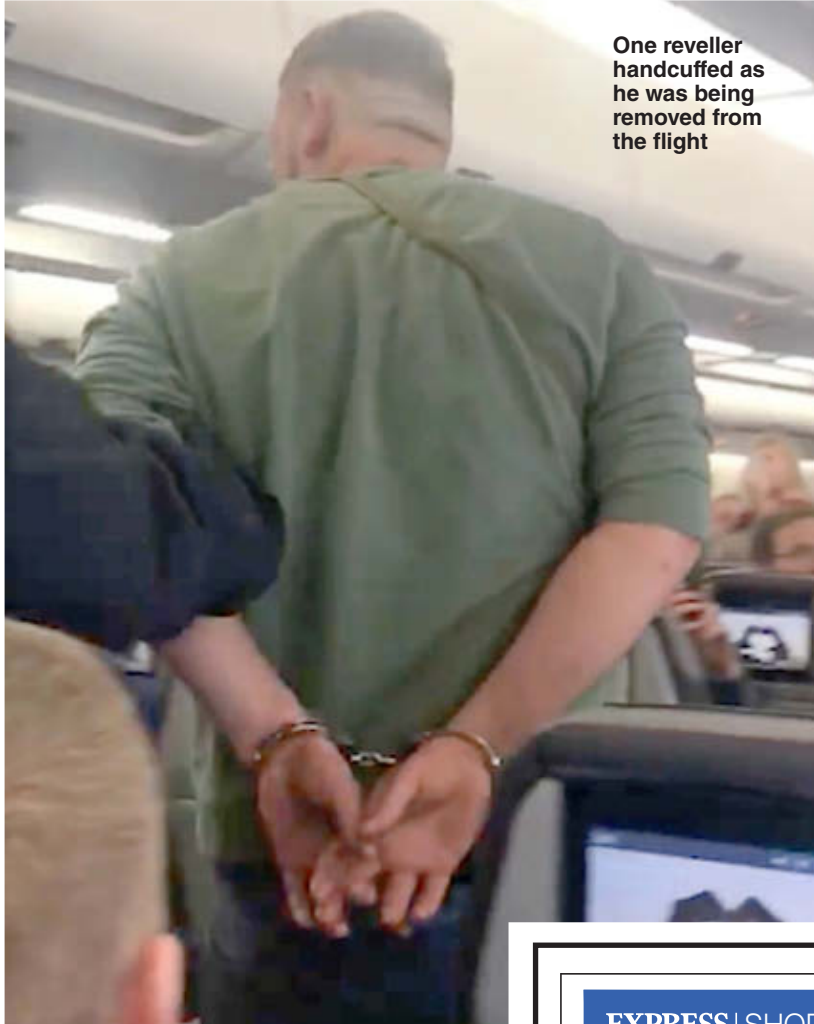
At Manchester Crown Court, Ward, Scott Capper, 32, and Craig Hopwood, 35 – all from Oldham – were each jailed for two years after they admitted being drunk on an aircraft and affray.

Daniel Howarth, 35, also from Oldham, was jailed for 19 months after he admitted being drunk on an aircraft and a public order offence.

Judge Hilary Manley told all four men: "You created a threatening and wholly unsafe situation.

"An experienced crew member said it was the worst behaviour she's seen in more than 20 years of working."

One reveller handcuffed as he was being removed from the flight



Cyber risk at its most dangerous

BRITAIN is more vulnerable than ever to cyber attack, MPs warn.

The threat is evolving fast and becoming more complex as hostile countries host criminals.

The Public Accounts Committee noted yesterday that the National Cyber Security Centre has dealt with more than 1,100 "incidents" since it began in October 2016.

Chairwoman Meg Hillier said the UK is prone because of its "world-leading digital economy".

The Government has published two five-year plans and "after a poor start", the Cabinet Office is beginning to make progress, according to the committee's report. In the past year 140,000 fraudulent sites have been taken down.

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Rape girl, 17, helped to die by end-of-life clinic

By **Frances Millar**

A DUTCH teenager who was raped as a child and penned an award-winning memoir about her mental health has been legally euthanised at home with the help of an end-of-life clinic.

Noa Pothoven died last Sunday aged just 17 in a hospital bed in her living room.

Noa, from Arnhem, felt that life had become unbearable and she could no longer carry on after she was attacked and sexually assaulted on three occasions.

The first two incidents were molestations when she attended children's parties aged 11 and 12 before she was raped by two men when she was 14. For years she never



Sex victim... Noa Pothoven, 17

revealed the horrific abuse because it left her feeling ashamed, she said.

She suffered post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anorexia and has spent the past few years of her life in hospitals, institutions and specialist

centres. She underwent electric shock treatment earlier this year in a desperate bid for relief from her symptoms.

In a heartbreaking final social media post a day before her death, Noa made her tragic decision public.

She wrote: "I deliberated for quite a while whether or not I should share this.

"Maybe this comes as a surprise to some, given my posts about hospitalisation, but my plan has been there for a long time and is not impulsive.

"I will get straight to the point: within a maximum of 10 days I will die. After years of battling and fighting, I am drained. I have quit eating and drinking for a while now, and after many discussions and evaluations, it was decided to

let me go because my suffering is unbearable."

Noa added that she never felt as though she was alive, rather surviving, writing: "I breathe, but I no longer live."

She said she felt life had become unbearable and was determined that euthanasia was the only option for her.

Posting to nearly 10,000 followers on Instagram, she wrote: "It's all right. Don't convince me that this is not good, this is my decision and it is final."

She added: "Love is letting go, in this case..."

Noa had written an autobiography called Winning Or Learning about her psychiatric problems to help others.

Children as young as 12 can be euthanised in the Netherlands.