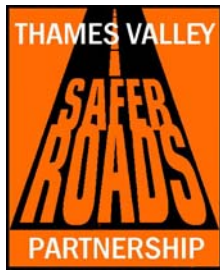


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Buckinghamshire Man Sentenced to 46 Days Imprisonment for Perjury Over a Speeding Ticket.

Majid SHIRVANI, 51, from Blacksmiths Lane, Prestwood, Great Missenden pleaded guilty on Wednesday (23 August) at Banbury Magistrate's Court and was sentenced to 46 days imprisonment and handed a 6 month disqualification from driving.

Magistrate's had wanted to order the destruction of the defendant's car, but the vehicle had already been sold on.

The circumstances arose when Mr SHIRVANI's blue Peugeot 406 was detected speeding on Marlow Hill, High Wycombe, resulting in the defendant being sent a Notice of Intended Prosecution (NIP).

In responding to the NIP, Mr SHIRVANI provided details of a relative from Pebble Beach, USA who he said was driving at the time.

Thames Valley Police requested a copy of the defendant's photo card driving licence from DVLA in order to compare the picture with the image of the driver recorded on video at the time of the offence.

Having compared the two images and satisfied themselves that the driver at the time was Mr SHIRVANI, police officials wrote to the defendant explaining the procedure they had undertaken, enclosing copies of the photos. They also offered the defendant the opportunity to complete another NIP if he was mistaken on the first occasion.

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Mr SHIRVANI returned the NIP maintaining that the driver was a relative from abroad, but giving a slightly different address in Pebble Beach, USA.

Police used a photographic expert to review the driving licence photo and the video evidence. He found that he was unable to find any significant differences in appearance between the people in the two photos. He concluded that the similarities lent strong support to the argument that these were both images of the same person.

Having previously pleaded Not Guilty to the charges, on attending Banbury Magistrate's Court for pre-trial review on Wednesday (23 August) Mr SHIRVANI changed his plea to Guilty.

The offence was of knowingly / wilfully making a false written statement when required by statute, contrary to Section 5(b) of the Perjury Act 1911.

Commenting on the outcome of the case Supt. Mick Doyle, Head of Roads Policing for Thames Valley Police said: *"Motorists need to realise the seriousness of these offences. If they try and play the system they could end up with a term of imprisonment and a permanent criminal record. That will stop them from doing more than just driving; it affects their livelihood."*

He continued, "Thames Valley Police are rigorous about enforcing the law and that includes motoring offences. We are committed to denying criminals use of the road and making the roads safer for all."

Notes to Editors:

Timeline:

07/12/2004 – Car detected speeding on Marlow Hill, High Wycombe
16/12/2004 – NIP sent to Mr SHIRVANI as registered owner of the vehicle
14/01/2005 – NIP was returned nominating a driver from abroad
22/03/2005 – 2nd NIP and photos sent to Mr SHIRVANI
01/04/2005 – 2nd NIP returned nominating same driver at a different address
28/02/2006 – Mr SHIRVANI arrested and interviewed at High Wycombe police station
04/07/2006 – Mr SHIRVANI charged and bailed to attend Banbury Magistrate's Court
13/07/2006 – Mr SHIRVANI attended court and pleaded Not Guilty.
23/07/2006 – Mr SHIRVANI attended Banbury Court for pre-trial review and changed his plea. He was sentenced the same day.

Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership

To reduce the number of people being killed or seriously injured on our roads, Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership was formed in 2000. The partners are committed to reducing casualties by deterring drivers from speeding, and informing the public through road safety education and publicity.

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