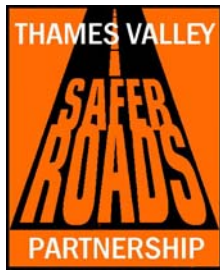


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Flight Lieutenant with Royal Flight Sentenced to 3 Months Imprisonment for Perjury after getting a Speeding Ticket

Edward WHYTE, 31 of High Moors, Halton, Buckinghamshire was sentenced today (5 December) to 3 months in prison for perjury and asked to pay £850 in costs.

Mr WHYTE, a Flight Lieutenant with the RAF Royal Flight based at RAF Northolt, Uxbridge was sentenced by Magistrates in Banbury, Oxfordshire for knowingly or wilfully making a false written statement.

The charges relate to a speeding offence detected by a Safety Camera on the Wendover Bypass on 13 May 2005 to which Mr WHYTE as the registered owner and keeper responded, providing false details to Thames Valley Police.

Previously the court had heard how Mr Whyte had been detected travelling at 103mph at the time of the offence, but had insisted that the driver at the time was from Hong Kong.

When given the opportunity by police to review the images of the offence, Mr Whyte maintained that he was not the driver and that his car was being test-driven by someone looking to buy it from Ebay.

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In preparing the case the investigating officers used specialist facial mapping techniques to enhance the video evidence and clearly identify Mr WHYTE as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the offence.

Today, the Magistrates in Banbury handed down the 3 month custodial sentence for the crime of perjury, along with the £850 costs for the prosecution.

Commenting on the outcome of the case, the arresting officer, PC Carl Lewis said:

"The seriousness of the offence at first was risking his own life and the lives of others by travelling at over 100 miles per hour on public roads. To make matters worse, he then tried to cover his tracks and committed a serious criminal offence in doing so. He has risked his license, his life and now his livelihood."

It is believed that Mr Whyte will appeal against the sentence.

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Notes to editors: Images relating to the case are available, and interviews with the investigating officer can be arranged.

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