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Trucker clears his name in six-month legal fight

A TRUCKER has been cleared of speeding after claiming that a roadside camera incorrectly recorded him breaking a 30mph limit.

Now Ian Clayton, 34, has hit out at the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) after having to endure a six-month legal battle before being cleared. Mr Clayton, of Burton Road, Overseal, was recorded on the B5017 Henhurst Hill in Burton travelling at 40mph in a 30mph limit.

However, legal proceedings have been dropped after his tacograph — an on-board device which continually records the speed of a lorry — **proved that he was driving at only 26mph.**

He said today: *"There's no stress in this job — until you get wrongly flashed by a speed camera. This has cost someone, somewhere a lot of money and it's a waste of the taxpayers' money. I knew I was right all along."*

Mr. Clayton was snapped by a speed camera while driving a skip lorry towards Burton on September 20 last year. When the camera flashed, Mr Clayton checked his speedometer to find he was going at 26mph, and assumed another driver had broken the 30mph limit. However, just days later, a notice was sent through the post by Staffordshire CPS. Mr Clayton said: *"I know that speed camera — we're on intimate terms. When it flashed I checked the speedo and I thought 'it can't be me'. But the paperwork came through the post saying I was doing in excess of 40mph."*

Mr Clayton took his tacograph with him to his first court hearing after refusing to accept a £50 fine and three penalty points on his driving licence. The CPS dropped the case against him at Burton Magistrates Court this week.

However, today Tim Roberts, project manager of the Staffordshire Casualty Reduction Partnership, said he was going to ask the CPS to reopen the case. He said: *"I am absolutely 100 per cent happy that there is no problem with the camera. I am going to take this one back to the CPS to resurrect it — I am not happy it's been dropped."*

The PPP commentswho the hell do these so called Project managers think they are?. They should be falling over themselves to ensure the Cameras are accurate and EVERY other legal requirement is met. We are talking about the livelihood and reputation of valuable members of the community like lorry drivers and delivery men and PSV drivers NOT useless parasites like the SCAMERAs. It's about time somebody sued an individual Project Manager for damages. If Mr Clayton had been stopped by a Patrol car they would have been no argument !. David Edgar will attend any future hearing as an expert witness!.