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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Vehicle ASBOs are here. Story by Andrew Baxter of 'a2bnews'..com

News is emerging of a case where a 55 year old man has been issued with a 'vehicle ASBO', after overtaking a Police car at a claimed 60mph in a 50mph zone. In a concept ALIEN to British justice, he has no redress and no right to a court hearing. No method exists for the evidence to be examined or tested in a court. **A second vehicle ASBO within 12 months would result in immediate road side seizure of his vehicle. There would be no right to a trial, no redress, and no formal test of the evidence.**

Paul Smith, founder of SafeSpeed.org.uk, said: *"Determination of the facts in a court of law is a vital and ancient component of our legal system. This procedure flies in the face of justice. **It makes the Police into judge, jury and executioner.** It is a travesty of British justice. With a vehicle ASBO, no one can hear you scream. That's because you have no redress in law. It is entirely ALIEN to our system of justice."*

"Imagine the imaginary case of a 20 year old proud vehicle owner. He's spent thousands on his car. Three months ago he received a 'Vehicle ASBO' for revving his engine to the delight of his mates in a car park. Now it's late at night. He's alone in the car. A police car is following him and turns on his blue lights. How many 20 year olds would pull over meekly? And how many would foolishly attempt to escape the Police in fear of losing their 'pride and joy'? This law is actually dangerous - it will push ordinary people into extraordinary and potentially dangerous acts.

The paraphernalia of a police state is being constructed before our very eyes."

The PPP comments ... In our recent bulletins we described Brunstrom's obsession with both points systems and penalty notices we **quoted him** When I joined the police there were no penalty notices - **all cases had to go to Court. This was and remains a hugely bureaucratic and expensive exercise.** Penalty notices were brought in to provide a quick simple and non-bureaucratic means of dealing with offences. **They worked brilliantly and are now the standard way of dealing with motoring offences - and increasingly anti-social behaviour as well.**

This dangerous and abusive man sees our courts system and particularly the assumption of innocence until proven guilty, as a bureaucratic inconvenience to him and his flack jacketed taser armed officers.

An example of what can happen in North Wales A man and his wife driving along the A55 in his silver Mercedes was passed by another, Irish registered, silver Mercedes. A few minutes later an unmarked black police car pulled him over. The Officer showed him a hand held speed camera registering 95 mph. The officer 'assumed' it was him driving the fast car. When they finally convinced the officer of his error he remained arrogant and told them to take it is a warning!. Such incompetence is symptomatic of the deadly combination of arrogance and ignorance. **They were assumed guilty until they proved their innocence!**