



# A BOOK OF TRICKS

for those who want  
to get off speeding



## **ANGRY, FRUSTRATED?**

Can't believe you've been caught speeding?  
Thinking of finding a clever way avoid the £60 fixed  
penalty and having points put on your licence?

### **Think again!**

We know every trick in the book - and if you try any  
of them you could find yourself facing a criminal  
record, with either a hefty fine or long spell in  
prison. Perverting the course of justice is a serious  
criminal offence and if you try it we will try you -  
in front of a jury in the Crown Court.

**Think about it. You could ruin your life, the life  
of someone dear to you and your career - just to  
save yourself £60 and three points. It's just not  
worth it!**

Operation Cheetah is Greater Manchester Police's  
powerful new response to the growing number of  
cheaters who fancy their chances of outwitting the  
justice system.

A highly skilled squad of specially trained and  
dedicated traffic police officers will inspect every  
contested speeding penalty and where they  
suspect cheating they will personally visit the  
homes or workplace of those involved.

Our Cheetah is fast, nimble, intelligent, persistent  
and highly skilled in hunting down cheaters.  
And they know every trick in the book!

**Why take a chance - it's just not  
worth it.**

**Do the right thing and then drive a little slower  
in future - you could save a whole lot of hassle -  
and somebody's life.**

## TRICKS

These are just a few of the tricks that drivers try (unsuccessfully) to avoid their speeding penalties. There are others - and we know them all! We are constantly watching - don't become a criminal and risk prison for £60 and three points - it's just not worth it!

- Falsely nominating a fictitious/real person from a foreign country.
- Nominating a person at an address that does not exist or is derelict.
- Nominating a fictitious person at a genuine address.
- Falsely nominating a genuine person.
- Stating that the vehicle was on a test drive and 'I don't have the details of the person who was test driving it.'
- Denying being in the area at the time of the offence and claiming it wasn't your vehicle and it must be one exactly the same - in other words, one that has been cloned.
- Misrepresenting or deliberately altering a registration number.
- Registering the vehicle with incorrect details, i.e. wrong house number.
- Stating that you don't know who was driving and that it could have been one of several people.
- Asking your partner to pay the fixed penalty and take the points because you've already got points on your licence.

**And there are many others... we know them all...  
and are constantly watching for them.**



## TRICK DEALERS

Here are some of the websites that offer 'inside info' on how to get off the speeding ticket in exchange for cash. There are others. We closely monitor them all. They will take your hard earned money and say they will assist you - but if you tell lies you will not be able to avoid our charges!

[www.uk-driving-secrets.com](http://www.uk-driving-secrets.com)

[www.stopspeedingtickets.com](http://www.stopspeedingtickets.com)

[www.speed-trap.co.uk](http://www.speed-trap.co.uk)

[www.solvo.co.uk](http://www.solvo.co.uk)

### General anti-safety camera websites:

[www.safespeed.org.uk](http://www.safespeed.org.uk)

[www.abd.org.uk](http://www.abd.org.uk)

[www.ppipoo.com](http://www.ppipoo.com)

Other sources of tricks are spam e-mails, faxed circulars from businesses who, in return for a shoddily produced Speed Camera Report, ask for your credit card details - by fax. Or will you rely on the advice of your mate at work or even the 'guaranteed' tricks 'tried and tested' by the slightly sloshed guy in the pub?

Whatever they tell you - don't listen - we know all the tricks in the book - and we're watching for them.

**Don't be a cheater - it's just not worth it.**

**THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN A NUMBER OF OFFENDERS ARRESTED BY OPERATION CHEETAH AND PLACED BEFORE THE COURTS, SEVERAL HAVE RECEIVED PRISON SENTENCES.**

On 12th October 2005, Stewart and Cathryn Bromley of Tameside pleaded guilty on two counts of perverting the course of justice after their elaborate ploy to get off two speeding tickets was rumbled by Operation Cheetah.


The Bromley's had made out to the Police that a Bulgarian man was driving their family Mercedes at the time of offence, as he was an ex-employee of theirs. However, the investigation showed that Konstantin Koscov was a made up person.

The Bromley's continued their web of deceit by asking their accountant to lie for them and with Mrs Bromley travelling to Bulgaria to send her husband a postcard from the alleged Koscov.

As a result of lying on their Notice of Intended Prosecution, the Bromley's had to pay out over £9,000 in fines and £2,000 in costs.

Judge Lever of Manchester Crown Court said, 'If the couple had not pleaded guilty, I would have almost certainly sent them to prison.'


If the couple do not pay all fines within 28 days, Mr Bromley will face a 6 month jail sentence and Mrs Bromley a 40 day jail sentence.



## HERE ARE SOME CHEATERS WHO'VE PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR THEIR TRICKS...

20 men were arrested by Police in May 2005, as part of a major operation to crackdown on suspected speeding fine dodgers.

Officers in Oldham raided homes across the town as part of an operation, in a bid to catch motorists who they believed were trying to evade prosecution by providing false documents. They were all arrested on suspicion of perverting the course of justice.



*You may be tempted to try a trick on the spur of the moment. Don't! Even when the deception is thought through and planned - the outcome can be prison.*

A CAR courier who hatched a plan to defeat speeding fines, congestion charges and parking tickets is now in jail after Operation Cheetah uncovered the truth.

Graham Thompson used black masking tape to alter a number on his registration plates - so penalty notices were sent to an innocent motorist. He was charged with perverting the course of justice. In sentencing, Judge Mark Brown, jailed Thompson for 6 months and banned him from driving for 12 months, saying that the fixed penalty ticket system depended heavily on the integrity of motorists. Judge Brown said he was satisfied the offences were not just pre-planned, but also 'quite considered and thought out.'

## THREE CHOICES FOR CHEATERS

### 1

The fixed penalty for speeding is £60 and 3 points.

### 2

If the driver wishes to contest the prosecution in Court, the number of points and fine amount will be at the discretion of the Magistrate, up to the maximum limit of the offence. Be warned, however, if found guilty, the Magistrate may give you a higher fine and more points than were previously offered to you to settle the matter.

### 3

Anyone charged with Perverting the Course of Justice can expect to appear in Crown Court. Punishment is often Imprisonment.



## THERE IS ANOTHER WAY

The following pages will give you an insight into the heartache and destruction that speeding can cause to innocent people and to why safety cameras are so valuable and effective in saving lives.

### Speed Kills

It has been estimated that inappropriate speed is the main cause of one third of all road accidents.

- **If you hit someone at 30mph, they have an 80% chance of survival.**
- **If you hit someone at 35mph, they have a 50% chance of survival.**
- **If you hit someone at 40mph, they have a 10% chance of survival.**

*Source: DIT THINK! Slow Down Campaign*

- **As a general rule, a 1mph reduction in average speed results in an average 5% reduction in accidents.**
- **At 35mph you are twice as likely to kill someone than at 30mph.**

*Source: DTLR (1999)*





## THE TRUE COST OF SPEEDING

The cost to the NHS for each high-speed collision is about **£100,000** - this money comes from the taxes paid by people like you and your family.

If one crash did not take place - destroying lives, this is how the money could have been spent on saving and improving lives - of people just like you and your family.

- Lung transplant £20,300
- Heart transplant £16,500
- 5 Primary hip replacements £20,800
- 24 Normal baby deliveries
- 50 Days funding for a special care baby unit
- 11 Varicose vein procedures

**Don't speed -  
it's just not worth it**



## **WILL YOUR SPEEDING KILL AN INNOCENT CHILD LIKE REBECCA HARRISON?**

A speeding motorist who knocked down and killed a 10-year-old girl as she crossed a road with her father and brother is serving a 6 year jail sentence.

Christopher Hill, 30, was driving at approximately 51mph in a 30mph zone when his sports car ploughed into Rebecca Harrison, Bolton Crown Court was told.

Rebecca had been out with her 28-year-old father, from Haydock, and her 2-year-old brother, Samuel, in March, 2003, when she was struck by Hill's BMW Z3. She was crossing Wigan Road, in Bryn, Ashton-in-Makerfield. They watched helplessly as Rebecca was thrown approximately 44 metres up the road and suffered serious multiple injuries. Rebecca was taken to Wigan Royal Infirmary where she later died from her injuries. Her brother and father were unhurt.

Rebecca's grief-stricken family welcomed Hill's jail term but said it would never compensate for the loss of their 'precious and beautiful' daughter.

In a statement, the bereaved family said: 'Mr Hill's selfish speeding robbed our daughter of her precious life. Maybe now he will have chance to reflect on the devastation that he has caused to both our family and friends and his - by simply driving too fast. A moment of madness has destroyed so many lives. It just wasn't worth it!'



**WE ARE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING  
PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
FROM SPEEDERS - LIKE YOU!**

DRIVESAFE, also known as the Greater Manchester Casualty Reduction Partnership, has been set up by a number of organisations across Greater Manchester. By letting the people of Greater Manchester know the dangers of speeding, we believe we can make a massive difference to road safety. Our main aim is reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Greater Manchester's roads by 50% before 2010.

Our partners include the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities, the Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authority, Greater Manchester Police, Her Majesty's Courts Service, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Highways Agency.

And we are saving lives...

Accidents in which people are killed or seriously injured at locations where there are safety cameras are down by 25%.

Imagine the grief this has avoided for people - just like you and your family.

**Are you going to help us keep  
driving deaths down?**



## **WE'RE HERE TO HELP**

The DRIVESAFE website contains background information on the organisation and relevant speed related road safety information. Readers can view the frequently asked questions relating to safety cameras and the prosecution system after being caught speeding. There is also a map of where all the fixed cameras are located throughout Greater Manchester, as well as a list of when and where the mobile technicians might be seen.

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Speed limit information

**<http://www.highwaycode.gov.uk/09.htm>**