

PROSECUTION

Summary	Serious SPAD (Signal passed at danger) at Hitchin. The driver, Scott Walford, had failed to set up his cab secure radio, then on passing the signal at danger reset the Train Protection & Warning System (TPWS) and continued. The signaller to driver communication failed due to the radio not being set up for the journey. The train was eventually stopped by a general emergency broadcast, two signal sections beyond the SPAD.
Company	Scott Walford
Breaches involved	Health and Safety At Work etc. Act 1974, section 7.
Date(s) of offence	8th October 2013
Plea	Guilty
Result	Mr Walford was sentenced on 7th November 2014 at Stevenage Magistrates' Court.
Penalty	3 month custodial sentence suspended for 12 months
Costs	£500

Location of offence

Address Hitchin

ORR details

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ORR Directorate Railway Safety Directorate