

## PROSECUTION

<b>Summary</b>	Brenda McFarland, known as Olive, was killed in August 2011 when she was hit by a train at the Gypsy Lane crossing in Needham Market, Suffolk. Warning sirens were recommended for the crossing in 2006 and 2008, but they were not implemented and the crossing had been deemed as high risk in the weeks before Olive's death. Pedestrians only had a five second warning of oncoming trains and poor visibility of trains when approaching the Gypsy Lane foot crossing, exposing them to an increased risk of being struck by a train.
<b>Company</b>	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
<b>Breaches involved</b>	Section 3(1) Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
<b>Date(s) of offence</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> January 1999 and 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2011
<b>Plea</b>	Guilty
<b>Result</b>	Guilty
<b>Court</b>	Ipswich Crown Court
<b>Sentencing date</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2016
<b>Penalty</b>	£4 million
<b>Costs</b>	£35,000

### Location of offence

**Address** Gypsy Lane Crossing,  
Needham Market, Suffolk

### ORR details

**ORR Team** South East  
**ORR Directorate** Railway Safety Directorate