

CAA SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS: 1 APRIL 2016 TO 31 MARCH 2017

DEFENDANT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DATE	COURT	SENTENCE
BENJAMIN COOK	<p>Benjamin Cook was diagnosed with Type II diabetes in 2007. At seven successive annual aero-medical examinations, he declared on the MED 160 application form that he did not have diabetes.</p> <p>Mr Cook pleaded guilty to 7 offences of making a false representation with intent to deceive for the purpose of procuring a Class 1 medical certificate.</p>	01/04/2016	Worcester Crown Court	Fine £17,500
ANDREW KANE	<p>Andrew Kane was the pilot of a Gazelle helicopter which flew through temporarily restricted airspace in the vicinity of Old Warden aerodrome in place for a Red Arrows display. Mr Kane flew his helicopter through the RQA(T) during the Red Arrows' display, causing the display to be stopped because of the proximity of his aircraft to the Red Arrows.</p> <p>Mr Kane pleaded guilty to (1) failing to take all reasonable steps to satisfy himself that the flight could safely be made and (2) flying within restricted airspace.</p>	09/08/2016	Luton Magistrates' Court	Fine £2,510

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AMAZON.CO.UK.LTD	<p>Amazon was despatching items such as lithium ion batteries for carriage by air. The items were dangerous goods when carried by air and Amazon had been warned by Royal Mail and the CAA that this was the case.</p> <p>Amazon was convicted after trial of 4 counts of causing dangerous goods to be delivered for carriage in an aircraft.</p>	20/09/2016	Southwark Crown Court	Fine £65,000
JONATHAN TOWNSEND	<p>Jonathan Townsend was diagnosed with depression and prescribed medication. At two successive annual medical examinations he declared on the MED 160 application form that he did not have depression and was not taking medication.</p> <p>Mr Townsend pleaded guilty to two charges of making a false representation with intent to deceive for the purpose of procuring a Class 1 medical certificate.</p>	06/10/2016	Worcester Magistrates' Court	Fine £8,000
MARK MATTHEWS	<p>Mark Matthews was the pilot of a Robinson R44 helicopter which flew twice within temporarily restricted airspace around the Glastonbury Festival.</p> <p>Mr Matthews pleaded guilty to two charges of flying within restricted airspace.</p>	31/01/2017	Bath Magistrates' Court	Fine £4,000

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WESLEY TIERNEY	<p>Wesley Tierney had a military glider pilot qualification. He claimed to have a Private Pilot's Licence and to have flown a number of hours in powered aircraft. On numerous occasions between 2012 and 2016, he flew powered aircraft and took passengers with him. He did not have a Licence or the claimed flying experience.</p> <p>Mr Tierney pleaded guilty to 5 charges: three charges of flying without a licence, one charge of knowingly making a false entry in an aircraft log book and one charge of purporting to issue a certificate.</p>	03/03/2017	Cambridge Crown Court	8 months imprisonment suspended for 14 months; 140 hours unpaid work.
SIMON DUBOCK	<p>Simon Dubock was the pilot of a Piper PA28 aeroplane. He took-off from Carlisle and flew southwards along the coast. He flew within three areas of Class A controlled airspace without clearance, causing Liverpool air traffic to restrict departures. Mr Dubock then turned westerly towards Anglesey and flew within restricted airspace around Wylfa nuclear power station. He flew around the coast of Anglesey, the north coast of Wales and then flew within Class D controlled airspace without air traffic control clearance.</p> <p>Mr Dubock was convicted after trial of four offences of flying within controlled airspace without clearance and one offence of flying within restricted airspace.</p>	06/03/2017	Manchester Magistrates' Court	Fine £2,500



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