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Irish Cabbie Bans 'Hanky Panky' And Loses Licence!

Everyone knows that taxi drivers only adjust their rear-view mirrors to get a better view of the traffic following. However, one Irish driver from Cork used it for a close-up view of his passengers, whom he believed were getting a bit too friendly. He told the young couple that there must be no sex in the back of his taxi! The driver has now lost his licence and failed in his Appeal to have it returned.

The Cork District Court heard that taxi driver, whom we'll call Mr D, told the couple he would prefer it if they went to a hotel rather than use his cab after the young man put his arm around the girl in the back seat of the taxi. The court was told how she moved nearer to her boyfriend and it was then that the driver made his remarks. "I told the driver that I was no tramp," she said and explained that during the journey the driver had to jam on his brakes and just missed striking the back of a car because "...he was constantly watching us in his rear-view mirror. But to say we were about to have sex is absolutely ludicrous. We were just sitting close and cuddling."

She also said that when the driver took a wrong turn through lack of concentration on the road, they decided to get out of the cab. She admitted that they slammed the doors after her boyfriend asked what the fare was and Mr D replied "...keep your money." The girl said that after she went home she told her mother, who then rang the cab company to complain. She was told to report the matter to the Public Service Vehicles office.

In cross-examination, Mr D asked the girl if she had shrieked in the back of the car. Both she and her boyfriend denied it. Sargeant Lee McHony said the couple had complained to him and he had brought the matter to the attention of Mr D. He did not take his PSV licence and badge away and decided to give him a chance on condition he refrain from confrontations and behave in a more respectful manner to passengers. The court then heard that following another complaint, police revoked his licence. An appointment was made for Mr D to meet the chief superintendent, who waited for an hour, but Mr D never turned up.

The judge refused the Appeal...

Canadian Taxi Company "Faked Car Accidents...?"

Taxi Globe has come across some loopy stories in its time, but the one concerning British Columbia's government-run auto insurance

corporation alleging that a taxi bodywork garage, nine taxi drivers and fifteen others had deliberately orchestrated twelve accidents and faked injuries to collect insurance payments, must take the biscuit!

Those allegedly staging some of the accidents would wait for an unsuspecting motorist to pull out of a parking spot, then accelerate into his or her car, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia claimed in a filed civil suit. Other accidents involved an agreement between motorists to cause a collision for the purpose of advancing claims by the drivers and passengers in the cars. The ICBC claimed that the accidents took place in Ontario, Seattle, Washington and Vancouver and allege that many of those accused of fraud knew each other and went to cafés where they traded stories about how to make money by defrauding the ICBC.

Although many of those accused of fraud were taxi drivers, the ICBC has not alleged that any cab companies were part of the conspiracy. ICBC is going after individuals, a corporation spokesman told Taxi Globe. The ICBC alleges that at least £70,000 was paid out in wage-loss, injury and accident claims.

Cypriot Cabbie Finds a Snake in His Taxi!

A 53-year-old taxi driver in Cyprus got the shock of his life recently after discovering a snake in his cab - apparently trying to hitch a free ride to Nicosia! Evgenios Christofoulou had just stopped to set down a passenger in the village of Agridia near Limassol and was getting out of his taxi to help the passenger. He left his door open briefly for the few seconds.

He then got back into the cab and drove off, but when he got as far as Zygi near Larnaca, he noticed something crawling on the dashboard. It suddenly shot up to his throat! "I was shocked for a moment," Evgenios told Taxi Globe, "but I quickly grabbed it from the neck. Then it wrapped itself tightly around my arm, so I squeezed its head."

The taxi driver, scared to let go of the reptile, continued driving his cab towards Nicosia, but stopped at a weighing station where he saw some police officers and screamed for their help. The police came and began laughing... it looked as though the snake had fallen asleep around Evgenios' arm! But the snake had died, apparently from exerting so much pressure.

Christodoulou was taken to hospital and vaccinated. He was later told that this particular snake had not been poisonous and was actually considered to bring good luck! "Not very lucky for him," were Evgenios parting words...

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