

172mph driver jailed for 10 weeks

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A motorist caught doing a record 172mph in his Porsche on a rural A-road has been jailed for 10 weeks.

Tim Brady, 33, of Harrow, north west London, became the fastest driver ever caught by a speed camera when he admitted dangerous driving.

He was caught in January during a random speed check on the A420 near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, driving a 3.6-litre Porsche 911 Turbo.

The previous record for the fastest car caught by a speed camera was 156mph. Aberdeen car dealer Jason McAllister was caught in 2003 on the A90 between Aberdeen and Dundee.

Mr. Brady was given a three-year driving ban and ordered to pay £850 costs.

The judge told Brady: "Your driving was self-indulgent and completely thoughtless of the danger for others."

Mr. Brady was stopped by a police constable holding a speed gun. He said to the policeman: "S***, s***, s*** - I've lost my job."

Mr. Brady was a delivery driver, and resigned from his job shortly after the incident. He took the Porsche from his workplace without permission, just "to see how fast it goes".

Mr. Brady's lawyer said that he regretted taking the car and that he apologised for all the trouble he had caused.