

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY TO DEFEND DEAN

Dismissal : Dean Storey—West Ruislip Train Operator and long standing RMT Member

Dean's Story: Dean (pictured) is one of our long serving members at West Ruislip, a man who has always been loyal to the union and who enjoys tremendous respect from drivers and management alike.

He was driving his train in White City depot. He had only been in White City depot once in the previous 12 months as an observer during refresher training.

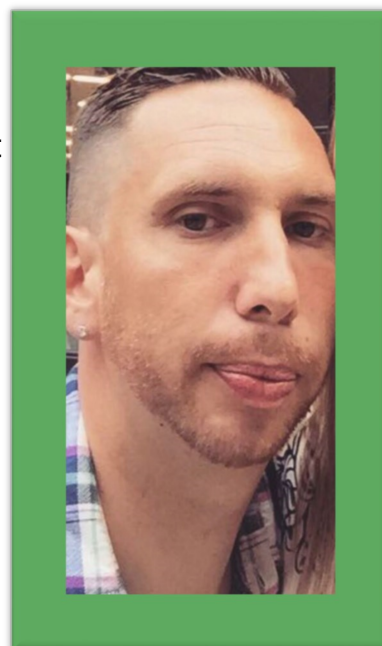
He passed a signal at danger as soon as he left the road but when the train stopped he proceeded in the way he would have done if he was in Ruislip depot as opposed to White City depot. This resulted in him aggravating the SPAD. He stopped his train at the outlet signal as normal He was subsequently sent to CDI where he has been dismissed, pending appeal.

Management ignored the mitigation give by our senior representative, which included a number of comparator cases where those responsible kept their job. Dean's SPAD was in a depot at low speed with no passenger involvement, this was a simple mistake, not an avoidance of the rules. He did not deserve to be dismissed for making a simple non dangerous mistake.

The RMT will not allow its members to be treated in this cavalier fashion by management and we will do all that is necessary to ensure that the Managers taking Dean's appeal are aware of that.

Central Line West Branch have submitted a motion to the National Executive Committee for a ballot for strike action and action short, initially with just the drivers from White City and West Ruislip, but if needed, the entire Central Line and Underground.

We are currently preparing a ballot matrix and arranging a meeting of Central line representatives so look out for further communications in due course.



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The first Thursday of the Month at 16:00

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