

United States v. Honsberger

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ORDER

THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon Defendant/Appellant's Appeal [Dkt. #2] of Magistrate Judge J. Kelley Arnold's Findings of Guilt and Issuance of a Fine for a Traffic Citation [Dkt. #1].

Having considered the entirety of the records and file herein, the Court rules as follows: Defendant/Appellant appeals the Magistrate Judge's finding of guilt and imposition of a fine on a traffic citation for speeding on Fort Lewis, Washington. The record reflects that the issuing officer testified and was cross-examined. The record also reflects that an exhibit was admitted authenticating the calibration of the radar gun used to clock the defendant. This Court must view the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution, and must affirm if any rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. United States v. Boyd, 214 F.3d 1052, 1058 (9th Cir. 2000).

Here, defendant merely challenges the ability of the officer to have accurately clocked his speed, and argues that he was sick when he was stopped. Because he was sick, he claims that other unnamed officers who did not testify at the trial told him that they would have only issued a warning. The Magistrate Judge heard the evidence and the evidence supports the conviction; therefore the finding of guilt and the imposition of a fine are AFFIRMED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk shall send uncertified copies of this order to all counsel of record, and to any party appearing pro se.

RONALD B. LEIGHTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE