

CAA SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS: 1 APRIL 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022

DEFENDANT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DATE	COURT	SENTENCE
DAVID HARBOTTLE	<p>David Harbottle produced his pilot's licence and log book during a meeting with the CAA. The Certificate of Revalidation entries for his MEP and IR ratings appeared inauthentic. A forensic document expert found that the entries were not genuine and the purported Examiner confirmed that he had not made the entries. The false revalidation entries meant that Harbottle's pilot licence had not been valid on 7 flights.</p> <p>Mr Harbottle was convicted after trial of two offences of knowingly making a false entry in a pilot's licence and one offence of acting as pilot on 7 flights without an appropriate licence.</p>	07/07/2021	Brighton Magistrates' Court	Fine £52,000
DAVID HENDERSON	<p>David Henderson organised a flight from Cardiff to Nantes and back. The passenger was Emiliano Sala. Mr Henderson was to be paid for the flights. He did not hold the operator certificate or permit required for public transport flights. Mr Henderson organised a pilot for the flights who did not have a commercial pilot's licence, a rating to fly the aircraft type or to fly at night. The aircraft took-off from Nantes at night on the return flight and crashed into the Channel. Mr Sala died and the pilot was not recovered.</p> <p>Mr Henderson was convicted after trial of one offence of recklessly or negligently endangering the aircraft and one</p>	12/11/2021	Cardiff Crown Court	18 months' imprisonment

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	offence of attempting to discharge a passenger in the UK.			
FLORIN OLTEANU	<p>Florin Olteanu was the pilot of a paramotor aircraft which flew low repeatedly along the beach and seashore, at the south of Hayling Island. He was warned by local Council Community Safety Team that he was in breach of by-laws but he continued flying low in the area.</p> <p>Mr Olteanu was convicted after trial of six offences of low flying.</p>	11/01/2022	Portsmouth Magistrates' Court	Fine £1,500
BLUE AIR AVIATION SA	<p>As part of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Blue Air Aviation SA was required to ensure that passengers arriving in the UK on a Blue Air flight had completed a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) and had a negative pre-departure test result.</p> <p>Blue Air pleaded guilty to five offences of failing to ensure passengers had completed a PLF and one offence of failing to ensure a passenger had a negative pre-departure test result.</p>	22/02/2022	Uxbridge Magistrates' Court	Fine £40,000

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CRAIG BUTFOY	<p>Craig Butfoy was a commercial pilot, who worked as a First Officer. He applied for a job at two airlines, providing false details about his flying experience and qualifications and, as a consequence, was employed as a Captain.</p> <p>Mr Butfoy pleaded guilty to four charges of fraud by false representation, one charge of making false entries in his log book and one charge of intentionally altering entries in his log book.</p>	28/03/2022	Snaresbrook Crown Court	12 months' imprisonment