

News, views and opinions for train drivers on the Jubilee Line from RMT reps and activists

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Defend Mulu Tumzghi



The RMT union is preparing a fight to defend Mulu Tumzghi should he face disciplinary action following a recent incident

Stratford driver Mulu had a SPAD departing Neasden depot. It was the end of a long shift and he was departing late. He was sent out via a route that isn't often used due to disruption on the line. Mulu over ran a signal, but he stopped his train as soon as he became aware of the error. He followed instructions and was honest about what happened throughout.

Since ATO was introduced on the Jubilee Line, tripcocks have been removed from trains which means if you do not see a danger signal in the depot where automatic train protection

does not work, the train will not be automatically stopped if you pass it. No mitigation was ever put in

place to fix this serious safety risk when tripcocks were removed.

The DRM who did a fact finding straight after the SPAD occurred did not believe that it was aggravated. Other managers on the line have agreed with this, in fact nobody has ever claimed the SPAD was aggravated.

Initially it was announced that the SPAD would be dealt with via a safety case conference, however that decision was rescinded and Mulu was sent to a gross misconduct CDI instead.

The CDI took place recently and we are now awaiting the outcome.

Response

This incident should not have been dealt with as a disciplinary matter. If Mulu is dipped or terminated we need to be ready to respond. RMT is the train drivers

union with over 1500 driver members. We need to stand together.

As well as the obvious impact this disciplinary has on Mulu and his family, it would also be a risk to all of us in future that having a SPAD

could result in termination, even when we are honest about what has happened and followed in-

structions.

There are also big safety issues in the depot which have been highlighted in this case. Now is the time to resolve these concerns.

RMT National Executive Committee debates next steps to defend Mulu

The RMT National Executive Committee, the decision making body of the RMT are debating two keys areas in relation to this case.

The first relates to the way Mulu has been treated following his SPAD. At a recent meeting it was made clear members do not believe Mulu should have faced any disciplinary action over this incident. It was felt that immediate action should be taken to defend Mulu so we are ready should he be disciplined.

The second issue relates to the serious safety concerns the RMT has around Neasden depot. H&S reps explained the risks and inconsistencies in Neasden depot as we no longer have tripcocks on our trains. The National Executive Committee will be passing a decision on both these issues imminently.

“We will not allow Mulu to be unjustly treated. The RMT will defend our driver members from unfair management actions”

- RMT Regional Organiser John Leach

The RMT is the union for train drivers. We are ready to defend drivers who are unfairly treated, and prepared to take action to ensure our workplace is safe. If these things matter to you then joining up is easy. Just go to rmt.org.uk/join or chat to your local RMT rep.