



2017 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX

From	The FIA Stewards of the Meeting	Document	36
To	The Team Manager, Williams Martini Racing	Date	21 October 2017
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (documents 31 & 32) the drivers and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 18 - Lance Stroll

Competitor Williams Martini Racing

Time 16:09

Session Qualifying

Fact Car 18 impeded car 8 between turns 19 and 20.

Offence Breach of Article 31.6 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

Decision Drop of 3 grid positions
(1 penalty point awarded, 1 point in total for the 12 month period)

Reason The Stewards examined multiple angles of video evidence, including CCTV not available on the broadcast and radio calls to car 18, and heard from Lance Stroll, the driver of car 18, Romain Grosjean, the driver of car 8 and the team representatives. STR was on a slow lap, GRO on a fast lap. STR was changing settings under direction of his engineer and got a very late call about GRO overtaking. STR immediately moved right and off the track, but GRO was already outside track limits and made the decision to overtake on the right, as STR moved right. It was obvious STR was not able to see GRO approaching in his mirrors, and he stated he could not move to the left as KVVY was passing him on that side. The Stewards believe STR did what he could in the circumstances but nevertheless this was potentially a very dangerous situation as the speed differential between the two cars was in excess of 100 km/h at the apex of turn 19. The Stewards believe the team should have given STR more advance warning that GRO was approaching rapidly.

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