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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 26) the driver and team representatives, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 55 - Carlos Sainz

**Competitor** Scuderia Toro Rosso

**Time** 12:39

**Session** Practice 3

**Fact** Leaving the pit lane when the red light was displayed at Pit Exit.

**Offence** Alleged breach of Article 31.2 of the FIA Formula One Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** No further action

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence and heard from Carlos Sainz, the driver of car 55 and the team representative.

The driver explained that as he approached the pit exit line he selected neutral, and started to brake. The car then entered first gear, which propelled him beyond the line. He took action to stop the car as soon as possible.

The Stewards were able to observe on the video the driver's hand actions and the car's dash and saw that he did select neutral before the line and concluded that the car did enter first gear inadvertently, and that the driver took all appropriate actions to ensure that he stopped as soon as possible, presented no safety issues, gained no advantage, did not proceed further until the green light and did not impede other drivers.

For the reasons above, although the driver crossed the line before the green light, the Stewards take No Further Action.

**Tim Mayer**

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