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From	The Stewards	Document	71
To	The Team Manager, Trident Motorsport	Date	13 September 2026
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

No / Driver 24 - Laurens van Hoepen

Competitor Trident Motorsport

Time 11:43

Session Race 2

Fact Car 24 (Van Hoepen) overshot its designated pit-stop position and made contact with the front jack operator, pushing him backwards and causing him to fall.

Infringement Breach of Article 27.4 of the FIA Formula 2 Sporting Regulations, as applied to the pit lane by Madrid Competition Notes v3 §6.6, for driving in a manner potentially dangerous to another person.

Decision Reprimand given to the Driver of Car 24. This is his first Driving Reprimand of the 2026 Season.

Reason The Stewards summoned (Documents 65) and heard the Drivers of Car 24 (Van Hoepen) and the team representative. They examined video evidence.

At the hearing the driver explained that he pitted during the safety car period and his tyres were cold. He said he entered the pit lane at normal speed and applied the brakes as normal and was surprised that the front wheels immediately locked. He suggested that perhaps the pit lane was more dusty than he expected. The Team Manager explained that he made a very late call for the driver to pit and he too felt that the pit lane may have been unusually dusty in that area.

The Stewards considered the penalties set out in the FIA Formula 2 Penalty Guidelines for dangerous driving in the pit lane. Having regard to the exceptional circumstances established at the hearing, including that the driver entered the pit lane at normal speed, applied the brakes in the normal manner, encountered unexpectedly reduced grip and did not deliberately or recklessly approach his pit position, the Stewards considered that the prescribed guideline penalty would be disproportionate in this particular case and imposed a Driving Reprimand.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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