



Judicial Conduct  
Investigations Office

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# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

**Mr Donald Wicks JP**

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Donald Wicks JP, a magistrate from the North Essex Justice Area, has been issued with a formal warning. Following a road traffic accident which resulted in traffic being diverted onto the road passing his home, Mr Wicks referred to his judicial status during a conversation with a police officer and also misinformed the officer that his partner was a ‘custody inspector’ when he is not. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice concluded that Mr Wicks’ conduct was aimed at gaining influence with the police officer. His behaviour fell below the high standards expected of a judicial office holder.”

**ENDS**

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