

Sentencing drivers

SIR – When I became a magistrate in 1971 we were told, in cases of careless driving, to consider the degree of bad driving rather than the consequences (*Letters*, December 8). If the driving had been very bad, the driver would be charged with dangerous driving.

The problem with this is that the public, knowing little of the case, see only the consequences and sentence, and have trouble correlating them. But this is no reason not to follow the rule.

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