

# Flying ticket saves tycoon's daughter

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A flying air ticket and the benefit of doubt saved Macau casino mogul Stanley Ho Hung-sun's eldest daughter from a conviction for careless driving yesterday after she said the ticket had blocked her view before she crashed into a guardrail.

Jane Francis Ho, 57, was also acquitted of failing to report an accident after causing damage.

Ho pleaded not guilty to both summonses in Eastern Court yesterday. Her case was adjourned for two hours because she arrived late to court.

Magistrate Anthony Yuen Wai-ming said he was giving Ho "the benefit of doubt" that the flying ticket had affected her view before she crashed her yellow Porsche into a guardrail in Happy Valley last October.

Ho, who did not testify in court, said in a cautioned statement to police that she was driving along Tai Hang Road about 15km/h when

the ticket suddenly started flying about inside her car.

Her car then hit the embarkment and guardrail before stopping.

No one was hurt, but one metre of the guardrail and her car's front end were damaged.

The accident was reported by a passer-by.

Ho's lawyer, Christopher Morley, told the court that his client had not been carrying a mobile phone with which to make a report and had been in a state of shock after the accident.

She called on a passing taxi driver to report the accident before returning

to her home nearby.

Ho's chauffeur eventually made a report to the Happy Valley Police Station at 10.50pm, about 17 hours after the accident.

Ho is the eldest daughter of Stanley Ho's first wife, Clementina Angela Leitao Ho, who died in February.



Ho, not guilty.

would try," Mr Lam, 42,

He said the secondary school teacher then asked the cab to turn back. "My English is poor. So I asked him to make sure whether I should drive him back to the station. And I was told to go back to the KCRC station," Mr Lam said.

"Before we reached the taxi stand, he [called] me a Chinese pig and stupid for not understanding what he had said."

When the cab stopped, Mr Lam said he asked for the \$15 fare.

"He refused and he leaned over to the front passenger seat holding his fist tightly and threatened to assault me."

Mr Lam said the man ignored his demand, then entered the railway station. Mr Lam followed him, called the police and sought help from two KCRC staff.

The teacher boarded a Sha Tin-bound train, and Mr Lam and the two KCRC workers followed him.

"When the train arrived at the Fo Tan station, the expatriate man was pushed out by other passengers when I told the commuters that he did not pay the fare and I had called the police," Mr Lam said.

The workers asked the teacher not to leave, but he ignored them and boarded another train. The trio again followed the teacher, who got off at Sha Tin station.

Police then arrived and arrested the teacher, who was released unconditionally last night.