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Four-year drive ban for man who was drunk



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SEEN drink-driving on his own land at Pool Market, David Arthur fell into the side of his van for support when he got out and was smelling of drink.

He was arrested by special constables who were suspicious of him after watching his driving while they were conducting routine checks on car parks.

At Truro Magistrates' Court Arthur, 64, who gave his address as PO Box 42, Ponsanooth, Truro, pleaded guilty to drink-driving in Pool on November 12 in the early hours and drink-driving at Connor Downs on July 10.

Inappropriate

Prosecutor Elaine Hobson said on both occasions he had registered 91mcg alcohol in breath during police tests, more than twice the legal limit.

Elliott Moore, his solicitor, said on November 12 Arthur had stopped his vehicle before the police stopped him, because he had already thought it was inappropriate for him to continue driving. This offence was committed while on bail for the earlier offence. He also had a previous drink-driving conviction in June 2010.

Losing his licence would affect him seriously as he drove most days in his business.

Mr Moore said that where Arthur had been seen at Pool was an area which he owned.

Arthur was given a 12-week prison sentence, suspended for a year, and banned from driving for four years.

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