

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL CAUTION CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

(the Club) Rangers Football Club

on behalf of

(the Player) Alfredo Morelos

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal, which convened on Friday 5th March 2021 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 37th minute of the SPFL Premiership League match between Livingston FC and Rangers FC on 3rd March 2021 the Player was given a caution for an act of simulation.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Caution on behalf of the Player. In support of this Claim, the Club submitted video footage showing the incident in question and written submissions.
4. In order for a Claim of Wrongful Caution to be upheld, the Fast Track Tribunal must be satisfied, by way of evidence submitted and upon the balance of probabilities, that the Referee made an Obvious Refereeing Error in cautioning the Player.
5. In summary, the Claimant's submission was that the Player did not simulate his fall and that there was contact with the Livingston goalkeeper as the Claimant ran towards goal.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was a cautionable offence.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimants. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to Simulation which states:

An action which creates a wrong/false impression that something has occurred when it has not; committed by a player to gain unfair advantage.

8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimant had successfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The Tribunal was satisfied that the referee's decision was incorrect. The definition of an Obvious Refereeing error requires that an error be clear or self-evident or easily perceived and that was established by the video evidence.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be upheld and the cautionable offence be rescinded.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.