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HELL PLATE



TIGHT: But Ray parked the car By GERALDINE COMMSKEY

IRELAND'S "worst driver" has vowed to carry on driving - despite having failed his test **ELEVEN** times.

And it's Hell Plates forever for Corkman Ray Heffernan after he lost his **EIGHTH** court appeal against the decision by test centres to fail him.

A defendant Mr Heffernan told the *Sunday World*: "I'll never pass a driving test in Ireland - because I've been blacklisted by all the driving test centres. I'll just have to keep the L plates."

Jumped

Mr Heffernan took the Dept of Transport to court eight times to challenge the results of his tests, but lost every time.

This week, he lost his appeal after driving tester Martin McNulty told the court he had gone through a red light on Vickers Road in Cork city.

But Mr Heffernan denied he had jumped the red light. "No I did not. It was green. It had to be green because I followed another car so if I broke the red light they did too. And there were other cars behind me. So he's saying we all broke the red light?"



IMPRESSED: Geraldine thought Ray handled tight situations well

Driver in court to appeal for 8th time over 11 fa

He added: "I wasn't let bring two witnesses [a neighbour who is a taxi-driver and his nephew] who were going to swear in court that I was not a dangerous driver."

He added that a driving instructor had taken him around the same route minutes before the test on October 10. "He said I was a great driver."

Earlier this year he lost another case after it emerged that he had driven over a roundabout. Driving tester Kevin Condren said he feared for his life during the test.

Tricky

And the *Sunday World* had a real scare when Mr Heffernan took us for a spin around Cork

- only to jump a red light and drive over a cardboard box.

However, we were impressed by the way he handled tricky manoeuvres such as reversing in and out of tight spaces in car parks, and driving smoothly up Cork city's steep Patrick's Hill.

This week, the separated dad-of-two from Mayfield insisted: "I'm not a dangerous driver."

This tester who appeared in court as a witness yesterday said he was danger on the test.

"I don't know what I was going to do it in but now I can't afford to do it. So I'll just have to keep driving with my L Plates," I

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