



2026 Rally Colorado

DECISION 5

From: The Stewards

Date: 7/19/2026

To: Car 155

The Stewards, having received a report from the CoC that car 155 had not stopped at an SOS on Stage 9 have reviewed the matter and determined the following:

Driver and car No: Car #155, James Veatch III, Jenna Cooper

Time (fact): 7/19/2026 12:50 (approximately)

Fact: Car 625 left the road on SS09 and ended up in a ravine not visible from the stage road. The incident triggered an automatic SOS which was confirmed by the crew within 5 seconds as SOS Medical. RallySafe data and in-car video indicate that car #155's device displayed SOS from 189 meters before until 190 meters after the incident for a total of 25 seconds. The crew of Car #155 did not see the SOS or car 625, never slowed, continued until they were stopped by marshals at a radio point, and were surprised to learn they had passed the incident.

The RallySafe unit in Car #625 was located dash bar on the co-driver's side.

Offence: RCR 5.15 Use of Safety Devices and ARA Bulletin 2026-3.

Decision: Had Car #625 been visible from the road; the stewards would have applied a penalty of 10 minutes and \$2,500. All ARA competitors should be aware that this will be the usual penalty for this offence. However, due to the mitigating circumstances below, the penalty will be 5 minutes and a suspended \$1000 fine pending no further RCR 5.1.5 violations for the next 12 months.

Reason: The stewards consulted the crew of #155 and they willingly supplied in-car video that clearly showed the unit displaying SOS, the crew of Car #155 claims they never saw the SOS. The opinion of the stewards is that the SOS displayed, but the co-driver did not see the SOS and the driver could not see the display while driving. The stewards believe there were no visible cues to the driver that there was an SOS. The stewards also believe the crew of Car #155 are serious about safety and are distressed that they missed the warning.

ARA Bulletin 2026-3 states that the unit must be "visible to the co-driver at all times." It is the opinion of the stewards that the position of the RallySafe unit hindered the driver's ability to see the display. This positioning is not verified in Scrutineering.

It is the recommendation of the stewards that ARA mandate that the position of the RallySafe display is clearly visible to both the driver and co-driver.

It is also the recommendation of the stewards that competitors investigate purchasing the remote display sold by RallySafe.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 9 of the ARA General Competition Rules.

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Justin Pritchard – Sr. Steward

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