

Taxi driver admits nearly £10,000 benefit fraud

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A TORQUAY woman taxi driver has pleaded guilty to five counts of fraud by false representation after claiming nearly £10,000 in benefits she was not entitled to.

Torquay Magistrates Court heard that Joyce Daulby, fraudulently claimed £9,768.76 in benefits after failing to disclose that she was working part-time as a taxi driver.

The court heard from Chris Bittlestone, prosecuting, that Daulby's claim was fraudulent from the outset, with her claim beginning on May 1 and her beginning work on May 2.

He added that it appeared that this initially began out of financial concerns, but it carried on as 'she could not see the wood for the trees'.

Mr Philip Myles, mitigating, said that there was a complicated set of circumstances that had initially led to a change in benefits that she was entitled to.

The case was adjourned until Monday, August 11, for a pre-sentence report to be carried out.

Daulby was granted unconditional bail.

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