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Rare 1976 Porsche written off near Crown Casino by middle-aged hoon

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UNTIL 1989 it was the fastest street legal car in Victoria.

Now almost 30 years later its pure grunt was too much for a middle aged hoon who tried to show off, but came off second best.

Stanko Vukoja, 53, wrote off his rare 1976 Porsche, one of 1200 in the world, dragging a common Commodore around the city's Crown Casino.

He had used an inheritance left to him by his father to buy the car, worth more than $100,000.

📷 The damage to a set of traffic lights near Queensbridge St.

The hoon had hoped to watch the luxury car's value skyrocket and then use his gains to buy a house.

But his well thought out plans were dashed in a moment of madness when he decided to race another car around Queensbridge St in October.

Mr Vukoja lost control, mounted a median strip, ploughed into a traffic pole, and wrote off the precious Porsche.
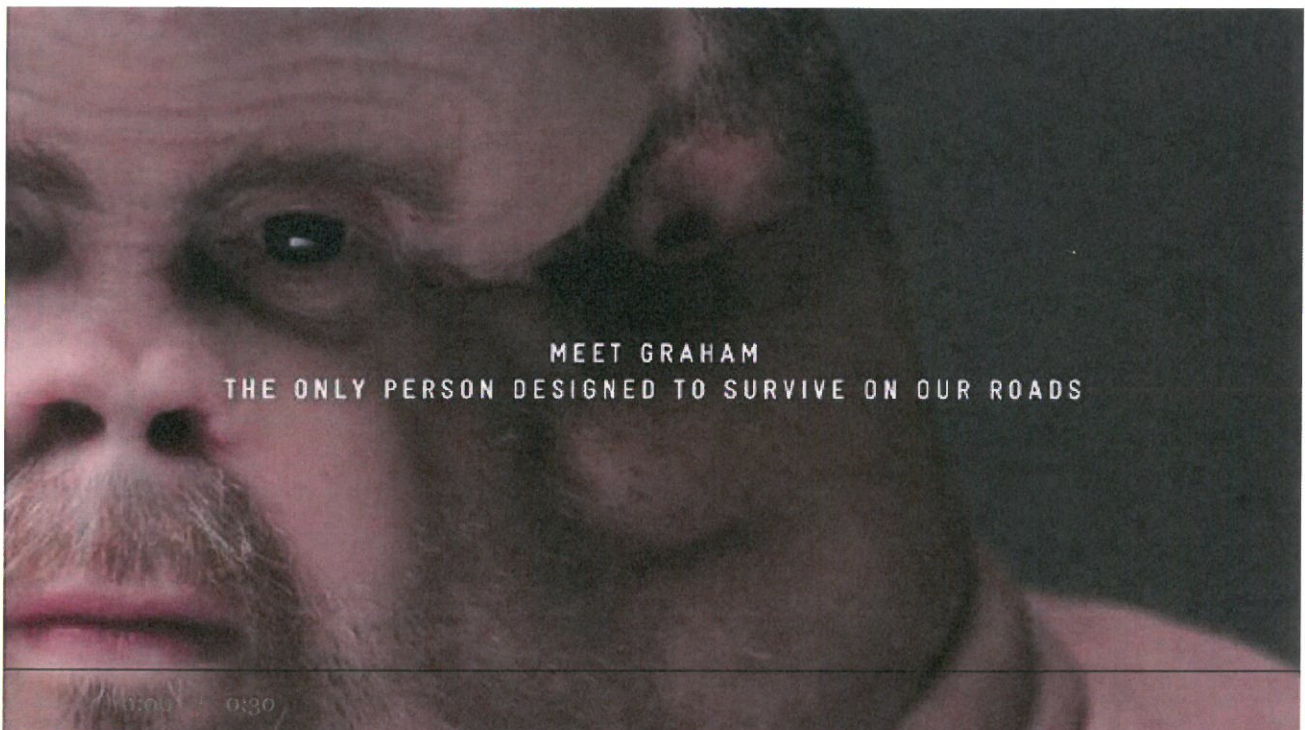
It was too fast, and now he's furious.

"Ego got the better of him," his lawyer George Balot told the Melbourne Magistrates Court.

📷 The rare car was worth more than $100,000.

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"More than knowledge lesser the ego, lesser the knowledge more the ego. He could have killed himself," he said.

But it was the risk to innocent pedestrians that concerned Magistrate Raj Malhotra.

"This was an exceptionally crowded area. There are thousands of people walking around that area at any point of time," he said.

"Had he have hit one that would have been bad enough. Hoon driving ... is simply not acceptable to the community."

Mr Vukoja pleaded guilty to dangerous driving in a deal that saw a charge of illegal street racing dropped.

The unemployed toolmaker was fined $5000 and has flagged the heavy penalty will take him years to pay off.

But Mr Malhotra said it was a fair price pay for Mr Vukoja's stupidity.

Mr Vukoja also lost his license for the mandatory six month period.

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