



Stephen Lee

## **Trowbridge Snooker Player Lee Charged With Fraud**

Snooker player Stephen Lee has been charged with fraud, just days before the second part of his appeal against his 12-year ban from the sport is due to be heard.

Police have confirmed that Lee, 39, of Birch Gardens, Hilperton, Trowbridge, was charged on suspicion of fraud yesterday.

He has been bailed to appear at Swindon Magistrates' Court on May 28.

Lee was suspended by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) last September, after the body found him guilty of seven charges of match-fixing dating back to 2008 and 2009.

Lee, who denies committing any offence, lost the first stage of his appeal against the snooker ban in February.

The second part of the appeal is due to take place on Monday.

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## **Snooker: Second Part Of Lee's Appeal Concludes**

THE hearing for the second part of Stephen Lee's appeal against his 12-year ban from snooker has concluded with a decision expected later this week, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) announced on Monday.

Trowbridge ace Lee was given the ban last September after being found guilty of seven charges of match-fixing dating back to 2008 and 2009.

The 39-year-old, a former world number five, has continually protested his innocence. His two-part appeal began with him challenging the use of Adam Lewis QC as chair of the independent disciplinary tribunal that heard the case and, in February, Lee was unsuccessful in that instance.

In the second part of the appeal, he is challenging the guilty verdict.

A WPBSA statement read: "On Monday May 12, 2014 Nicholas Stewart QC sat as the Appeals Committee to hear the remaining parts of Stephen Lee's appeal against the finding that he was in breach of the WPBSA Rules for match and spot fixing in connection with seven matches in 2008-9.

"The appeal was against the finding, sanction and the costs order imposed by Adam Lewis QC in September 2013.

"The hearing has concluded and Nicholas Stewart QC's decision is expected to be given later this week."

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