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Description ([revised](#))

As Seen on Newsday.com, Channel 4, Channel 11, News 12, Daily News, and the Post . The actual CPR Mannequin is going up for Auction. It gave me 5 months of riding in the HOV Lane, and cost me a \$90.00

fine. How much would that kind of time be worth to you.... Probably would have lasted longer for me if I had the hat and glasses on that morning.... Oh well, Hind sight is 20/20, but I can't use it anymore. Maybe someone else would like to give it a try. I'm listing it for the amount of my ticket. \$90.00. Try it out if you wish, or use it as a goof with friends.... You could also auction it off again once you've finished using it.

On a more serious note, I do not promote driving in the HOV lane without the legal two passengers. Feel free to read the story below. Maybe you saw me interviewed on the news as well. What do you think? Do you have what it takes..... Only you can decide. Happy Bidding...

"HOV cheater says dummy companion 'just a goof'"

February 23, 2007, 9:40 PM EST

The passenger in the carpool lane looked odd.

And the Suffolk highway patrol officer was no dummy.

Officer Thomas Daley noticed Friday morning that the passenger wasn't moving. The head was tilted at an odd angle, the face pressed against the side window.

So he pulled over the car and, as he approached it, his suspicions were confirmed.

Timothy Tietjen, 32, of Middle Island, was at the wheel, and beside him was a real dummy, seatbelt fastened.

"I was trying to hold back a chuckle, to keep a straight face," Daley said.

"We looked at each other. Then we both looked at the mannequin. And he said, 'I'm sorry. I'm not a bad guy, I'm just trying to get to work,'" the officer said. "He was sheepish."

Tietjen's ersatz companion was a first-aid training mannequin perched on a cardboard box -- just a torso with arms and head attached. Its dark hair and painted-on mustache were accented with a red long-sleeved shirt.

Tietjen admits he commuted with his artificial accomplice day and night, five days a week since October, using the HOV lane that requires two or more per car during rush hours. Some days, he would add sunglasses and a baseball cap to vary his fake friend's look.

Tietjen, who explained that he just wanted to get to work on time, got a ticket with a fine of \$40 plus a \$50 surcharge.

Friday's 8:36 a.m. traffic stop was the first time he'd been caught.

A quality control supervisor at a Farmingdale manufacturing plant, Tietjen said in an interview later that his father, a former NYPD officer, used the dummy (he calls it Gilligan -- "my little buddy") for CPR training.

"It was just lying in the garage for the longest time," he said. "It was just a goof. I showed it to my buddies and they all laughed."

Tietjen isn't the first to fake his way onto the LIE's HOV lane.

Within days the after the lane's opening in 1994, the first dummy passenger was detected -- a baby doll with a pacifier in its mouth, swaddled in an infant car seat. The 58-year-old female driver told the police, "That's the first dummy -- I'm the second one."

In 2003, highway patrol Officer Richard Klages spotted a driver in the HOV lane having what appeared to be an animated conversation with a passenger, who turned out to be a life-size cardboard cutout of a woman.

And only two months ago in Nassau County, a highway patrol officer ticketed an HOV-lane driver whose only passenger was a mannequin wearing a gray coat, sunglasses and a Yankees cap, said Lt. Kevin Smith. All these drivers got tickets.

The surrogate seatholder trick is sometimes used by the police, too, for traffic enforcement.

Officer Manny Quinn of the East Hampton Town Police Department, a mannequin dressed in a police uniform and hat, in the 1990s was regularly on duty in a patrol car with its radar turned on, to slow down speeders with radar detectors.

Intended to ease congestion by rewarding carpoolers with their own, less-traveled path, the LIE's first HOV segment opened May 25, 1994. Completed in 2005, it extends from the Queens border to exit 64 in Medford.

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