



**Are cautions and fines justice on the cheap?
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On Monday 9th November 2009 at 8.30pm, Panorama on BBC1 will be focussing on the state of out of court instant justice.

Half of all criminal cases brought to justice in England and Wales are now dealt with out of court. It is fast justice...but is it fair? The government says cautions and fines help to unclog the overburdened courts system and deal swiftly with antisocial behaviour. Critics say it is simply justice on the cheap, letting some serious criminals off the hook and denying victims their day in court.

The Police Federation's Vice-Chairman, Simon Reed, has been interviewed for this programme.