



**JURY TRIAL MINUTE
CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT COURT**

File: R v
File No: T. 156/94
Date: Monday, 30 November 2009

- 1 This historic matter has been referred to me due to requests from several news media outlets.
- 2 The above-named was found guilty following a jury trial on 23 March 1995. He was sentenced by His Honour Judge Hattaway on 10 April 1995.
- 3 The counts on which the above-named was convicted are as follows:
 - a. Count 5 – on or about 1 June 1975 at Westport indecently assaulted a girl “A” then aged 14 years by touching her naked body with his hands.
 - b. Count 7 – on or about 1 July 1975 at Lyttelton being a male did an indecent act upon a girl “B” then aged 10 years.
 - c. Count 8 - on or about 1 September 1975 at Christchurch being a male did an indecent act upon a girl “B” then aged 10 years.
 - d. Count 9 - on or about 1 October 1975 at Christchurch being a male did an indecent act upon a girl “B” then aged 10 years.
 - e. Count 11 - on or about 1 December 1978 at Christchurch being a male did an indecent act upon a girl “B” then aged 14 years.
- 4 The accused faced trial on 11 counts in total but was found not guilty or discharged on the 6 remaining counts.

- 5 While there was an Order for interim name suppression made on 31 May 1994 by His Honour Judge R M Elliot, there is a no record of a continuation of that Order past the next appearance on 10 June 1994. There is no record of a final suppression Order being made.
- 6 As the convictions came about following a jury hearing evidence, there is no summary of facts of the offending. The Court does not consider it appropriate to release the transcript of the trial due to the verdicts of "not guilty" on other charges.
- 7 The above-named was sentenced as follows:
 - a. Count 5 – 3 months imprisonment
 - b. Counts 7,8,9 and 11 – 12 months imprisonment.
- 8 As the Registrar has already pointed out, s.139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1985 applies. In this case there is a prohibition against publishing the names of the two victims. Further, there is a prohibition of publishing the relationship of the above-named and the victims on the basis that it may lead to their identity.

M A Crosbie

District Court Judge

Southern Region Jury Liaison Judge