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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Appellant

and

DAVID JOHN SMITH

Respondent

APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

PART I: CERTIFICATION

This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

PART II: CHRONOLOGY

Date	Event	Reference
19 January 2022	Respondent charged by Victoria Police	
3 June 2022	Respondent committed to stand trial in the County Court of Victoria	
4 July 2022	Indictment filed	CAB 5
10 August 2022	Directions hearing. County Court directed that a special hearing be held before the trial	CAB 25 [7]
18 October 2022	Intermediary assessment report prepared	CAB 25 [9]
14 March 2023	Ground rules hearing Meeting between judge, prosecutor, defence counsel and complainant at offices of Child Witness Service	CAB 25-26 [13], [16], [18]
15 March 2023	Special hearing	CAB 26-27 [19]-[20]

22 March 2023	Directions hearing. Trial listed to commence 18 September 2023	CAB 27 [21]
5 September 2023	Court of Appeal judgment in <i>Alec (a pseudonym) v The King</i> [2023] VSCA 208	CAB 27 [22]
15 September 2023	Mention. Prosecution indicated intention to make an application for the County Court to reserve a question of law to the Court of Appeal. Trial date of 18 September 2023 vacated	CAB 27-28 [25]-[26]
25 September 2023	Hearing of prosecution application to reserve questions of law to the Court of Appeal	CAB 28 [28]
28 September 2023	County Court ruled that it was in the interests of justice to reserve questions of law for determination by the Court of Appeal	CAB 9, 28 [29]
3 November 2023	Mention in the Court of Appeal. Issues raised by the Court of Appeal about the form of the case stated	
10 November 2023	Further mention in the County Court. Orders made stating a case (Annexure A) and reserving questions of law (Annexure B) for determination by the Court of Appeal	CAB 22-23
16 November 2023	Court of Appeal hearing	CAB 30
30 November 2023	Court of Appeal judgment Court of Appeal made order determining questions of law	CAB 30, 48-49
8 February 2024	Special leave to appeal granted	CAB 53
22 February 2024	Notice of appeal filed	CAB 55

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