

and nine months' imprisonment.¹ Mr Laurence subsequently filed a notice of appeal against conviction and sentence on the grounds of a range of complaints regarding police misconduct. The appeal was filed out of time. There being no objection we extend time.

[2] In any event, Mr Laurence subsequently abandoned his appeal, and we dismiss it accordingly.

[3] In doing so we note that Mr Laurence and the Crown agree that Mr Laurence's victim, FL, was aged seven years during the period of the offending, and not between five and eight years as recorded by Collins J in his sentencing notes.² Mr Laurence and the Crown also agree – by reference to that same paragraph – that Mr Laurence was a friend of his victims' father, rather than that his victims were the sons of his former partner.

Result

[4] The extension of time is granted, but the appeal is dismissed.

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¹ *R v Laurence* [2013] NZHC 956.

² At [12].