IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON REGISTRY

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THE QUEEN

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DENNIS HINES ALAN NOEL HARRIS LEE ANTHONY HARRIS BRYAN PATRICK HORNE SANDRA JOANNE BAILLIE MAREE ANNETTE CROWLEY DAVID HUGH WILLIAMS

Hearing:24 February 1997Counsel:C.L. Mander for the Crown
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RULING NO. 4 OF DOOGUE J

Misses Baillie and Crowley and Messrs Williams and Horne apply for bail during the course of trial.

In the cases of Messrs Williams and Horne there will be a refusal of bail.

I will come to the 2 women in just a moment.

In the ordinary course I would refuse bail in any multi-accused trial, not

because of the circumstances necessarily of the particular individual but



because it is too common in cases of multi-accused trials, for one accused to be leant on or disappear or for something to happen, which results in a trial being aborted and it has certainly been my experience at early stages of my career before I started to refuse bail in such cases. It is important, particularly with a lengthy trial of this sort, whatever the charges and whatever the sentence which might flow from it, particularly after the delay in respect of this trial, that it should be completed without any risk of the trial being aborted. That is the reason why I would, as a general rule, refuse bail.

In the case of the two women, Misses Baillie and Crowley, I have heard what your counsel have said. I will grant you overnight bail until tomorrow morning, but there is no certainty whatever that it will be renewed for you tomorrow evening unless there is something exceptional which takes it out of the position that I have just addressed.

The overnight bail in the case of the two women, is until 9.00 am tomorrow morning, with no certainty whatever of renewal.

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