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SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA — COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

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Winneke CJ, Starke and Barber JJ

3 May 1973

CRIMINAL LAW – SENTENCING – ACCUSED CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF WOUNDING POLICE OFFICERS WITH INTENT TO DO GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM – ACCUSED SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT WITH A MINIMUM OF TEN YEARS – ACCUSED ATTACKED PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE OFFICERS IN HIS HOME WHEN HE SAW ANOTHER PERSON BEING ATTACKED – POLICE OFFICERS NOT KNOWN TO ACCUSED – NO PRIOR SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED ON ACCUSED – CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AFFECTED ACCUSED'S PERSONALITY DISORDER – APPEAL ALLOWED – SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS' IMPRISONMENT WITH A MINIMUM OF SIX YEARS BEFORE ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE ON PAROLE.

[Ed Note: The matters discussed by the Court of Criminal Appeal and the Court's conclusions in this appeal are not relevant to the Magistrates' Court]