

7/79**COURT OF APPEAL (UK) — CRIMINAL DIVISION*****R v ANGELI*****Bridge, LJ, Thompson and Eastham JJ****19 May 1978 — [1978] 3 All ER 950; [1979] 1 WLR 26; 68 Cr App R 32**

CRIMINAL EVIDENCE – HANDWRITING – COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING – ADMISSIBILITY FOR COMPARISON WITH DISPUTED WRITING – SATISFACTION OF JUDGE THAT WRITING TO BE ADMITTED GENUINE – STANDARD OF PROOF – WHETHER CIVIL STANDARD OF PROOF – WHETHER SUFFICIENT IF JUDGE SATISFIED THAT WRITING IS GENUINE: *CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT 1865 (UK)*, S8.

The standard of proof to be applied by a judge in deciding whether it is proved to the judge's satisfaction that writing is genuine, within s8 of the *Criminal Procedure Act 1865* (which is similar to Section 148 of the *Evidence Act*) for the purpose of admitting the writing in evidence for comparison with disputed writing, is the civil standard of proof. Accordingly it is sufficient if the judge is satisfied that the writing is genuine, and the judge is not required to be sure, or satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that it is genuine.
