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CRIMINAL LAW – ACCUSED CHARGED WITH RAPE – FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT – QUESTION OF WHETHER PENETRATION OCCURRED – CONFLICT BETWEEN PROSECUTRIX'S STATEMENT AND THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE – DUTY OF THE JURY – UNSWORN STATEMENT MADE – UPON APPEAL CHARGE SUBSTITUTED WITH ONE OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO RAPE – SENTENCED TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.

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