Killer to fund appeal after legal aid denied

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A West Launceston man convicted of murder will fund his own Supreme Court appeal after being denied legal aid.

Appearing in the Hobart Supreme Court via video-link on Monday, Mark Rodney Jones said he was still seeking to find a lawyer to represent him in the appeal against his sentence.

The 43-year-old is currency serving a 22-year sentence for the murder of Bradley Wade Breward on New Year's Day, 2017.

Following the theft of his Nissan Patrol in December 2016, Jones beat, waterboarded and suffocated Breward seeking information about the vehicle.

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"I just haven't heard back either way if they are willing to represent me," Jones said.

Director of Public Prosecutions Daryl Coates said Jones' appeal was "not urgent" because the appeal was only against sentence.

"He is going to be serving a significant sentence no matter the outcome of the appeal," Mr Coates said.

Justice Helen Wood adjourned the court for a month to allow Jones to continue to seek private legal representation.

He is set to reappear on October 22 at 4.15pm.

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