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Court

Court of Appeal (Criminal Division)

Case Reference

R (Toad) v Multiple Defendants [2021] EWCA Crim 121

Lord Homer of Springfield, Lord Patrick of Bikini Bottom and Lady Minnie of Mousetown

First Defendant

Mr Waluigi

Second Defendant

Mr Wario

Third Defendant

Mr Yoshi

Case Summary

On 15 July 2021, the body of Mr Toad Toope was found in the fountain of Trinity College, Cambridge. This occurred during the College's annual May Ball, held for students to celebrate the end of an academic year. The autopsy showed that Toad died by drowning, though he also had a broken nose and bruised fists. Medical evidence shows that the broken nose and bruising occurred within half an hour of his death.

After preliminary investigations, police have narrowed it down to three suspects. All three are students at the University of Cambridge. The first Defendant is Mr Waluigi, a Mathematician from Trinity College. The second Defendant is Mr Wario, a History and Politics student from Queen's College. The third Defendant is Mr Yoshi, a Classicist from Peterhouse College. More information about each Defendant can be found in the Information Package accompanying this notice.

All three Defendants have agreed to a remote hearing under the newly passed Justice Act 2021, waiving their right to legal counsel. They are charged with murder, defined as causing death with the intention to kill or cause grievous bodily harm. If indicted, they face mandatory life imprisonment. Only **one** of the three are guilty – the jury hence has to decide who is guilty, and who will be acquitted.