

STEPHEN THOMAS HUDSON

v

THE QUEEN

Court: Elias CJ, Tipping and McGrath JJ

Counsel: G J King for Appellant
M D Downs for Crown

Judgment: 15 December 2010

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

A The application for leave to appeal is granted.

B The permitted grounds of appeal are whether:

- (i) the evidence in relation to previous acts of violence involving the appellant; and**
- (ii) the evidence of admissions by the appellant to witnesses that he was responsible for the deceased's murder**

should have been admitted at the trial and if so whether adequate directions to the jury in respect of such evidence were given by the trial Judge.

REASONS

[1] The Court is satisfied that it should give leave on the grounds indicated. The Court does not, however, consider the proposed ground in relation to the sentence imposed raises an issue of principle which satisfies the test of the interests of justice under the Act.

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