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Appellant S173/2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN: BQ

Appellant

and

THE KING

10 Respondent

APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

PART I CERTIFICATION

1. This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

PART II CHRONOLOGY

DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
5 February 1996	BB born	Exhibit N
		(ABFM 37);
		CCA [17] (CAB
		128)
27 April 2003	AA born	Exhibit N
		(ABFM 37)
		CCA [17] (CAB
		128)
24 June 2004	AA and BB's mother and father separated.	CCA [26] (CAB
	Immediately after this, the father moved into	129);
	their grandparents' house and had access to AA	T592-3 (ABFM
	and BB and their brother, who he saw either	32-33)
	every weekend or every second weekend.	

DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
After 2004, by March	The father moved into a new property with his	T593-594
2006	new partner.	(ABFM 33-34);
	He was living there when AA (aged 3 at the	Exhibit N
	time) complained of a sore vagina and that BB	(ABFM 37)
	had put diamonds "in her".	
2007	The appellant and his family lived in a unit in a	CCA [28] (CAB
	different suburb.	130); T821-822
	The evidence relied on in proof of count 1 was	(ABFM 39-40);
	an allegation that the conduct occurred in that	T824 (ABFM
	unit in 2007.	42)
	The evidence relied on in proof of count 2 was	
	an allegation that the conduct occurred at the	
	grandparents' home before it was renovated.	
End of 2007-	The appellant and his family lived in the "back	CCA [28] (CAB
September 2012	bedroom" of the grandparents' home following	130)
	completion of renovations.	
Sometime after the	The father of AA and BB moved back into the	T593 (ABFM
end of 2007	grandparents' home.	33)
1 January 2007-28	The alleged offences against BB as charged on	CCA [22] (CAB
January 2010	the indictment (counts 1-7)	129)
February-March 2009	The alleged offence against AA (count 8)	CCA [22] (CAB
	occurred.	129)
Around 2010-2013	The father lived at the grandparents' farm.	T595 (ABFM
		35)
August-September	The alleged offence against AA (count 9)	CCA [22] (CAB
2011	occurred.	129)
January 2012	The alleged offence against AA (count 10)	CCA [22] (CAB
	occurred.	129)

DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
Mid-2012	The mother obtained full custody of AA and	T474 (ABFM
	BB and stopped all contact with the father's	31) cf CCA [27]
	family.	(CAB 130)
1-25 December 2012	The alleged offence against AA (count 11)	CCA [22] (CAB
	occurred.	129)
Mid 2012- mid	Applications were made in the Family Court of	T473-474
February 2014	Australia by the grandparents for contact with AA and BB, which were resisted by the	(ABFM 30-31)
	mother. Prior to mid-February 2014 there were	
	directions made for mediation and discussions.	
14 February 2014	AA made her first complaint that she had been	CCA [88] (CAB
	touched, to her mother.	146)
16 February 2014	AA made a complaint to BB.	T127 (ABFM
		11)
27 February 2014	AA told her mother further allegations (counts	T452-453
	9, 11).	(ABFM 28-29)
9 April 2014	AA was interviewed by Child Abuse Squad	CCA [18] (CAB
	officers.	129)
17 September 2014	BB made her first statement to police stating	CCA [87] (CAB
	the appellant had never touched her.	145); T253
		(CAB 13)
10 October 2014	The appellant was interviewed by police.	CCA [32] (CAB
		131)
March 2015	BB made her first complaint of offences	CCA [83] (CAB
	committed against her by the appellant to a	145)
	cousin.	
August 2016	BB made a complaint about offences	CCA [84] (CAB
	committed against her by the appellant to her	145)
	husband.	

DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
12 September 2016	The first trial concerning AA's allegations commenced.	CCA [18] (CAB 128)
14 September 2016	BB made a statement to police, during AA's cross-examination, that the appellant touched her like he touched AA and told her mother, resulting in the first trial being aborted.	CCA [19]-[20] (CAB 128)
13 August 2018	The second trial of the appellant, now concerning allegations of AA and BB, commenced with pre-trial argument, including as to expert evidence.	CCA [21] (CAB 129)
15 August 2018	Judgment by trial judge as to admissibility of evidence of A/Prof Shackel.	ABFM 4-7
21 August 2018	Evidence of A/Prof Shackel.	T407-417 (ABFM 17-27)
28-29 August 2018	Closing addresses in the trial.	T820-880 (ABFM 38-91)
29 August 2018	Summing up by trial judge. Jury ask for the transcript of the trial and at 1.55pm the jury are provided with the trial transcript with further directions. Further directions given at 3.22pm and 4.10-4.11pm. Trial adjourned to 1.30pm on 30 August 2018.	CAB 9-54, 56, 70-71, 78-80
30 August 2018	Trial resumed at 1.30pm. At 3.01pm the appellant was found guilty of counts 1-4 and 7-11, acquitted of counts 5-6, and taken into custody.	CAB 81

DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
30 November 2018	The appellant was sentenced to an aggregate sentence of 12 years' imprisonment with a non-parole period of 8 years commencing on 30 August 2018 and expiring on 29 August 2030 (the non-parole period expiring on 29 August 2026).	CAB 106
25 November 2022	The appellant's appeal against conviction heard by the Court of Criminal Appeal of New South Wales.	CAB 115
3 March 2023	The Court of Criminal Appeal of New South Wales delivered judgment. The appellant's conviction on count 8 was quashed and the Court substituted a verdict of indecent assault contrary to s 61M(2) of the <i>Crimes Act 1900</i> (NSW). The appellant's conviction on count 11 was quashed and the Court entered an acquittal. The appeal was otherwise dismissed. The appellant's sentence was quashed and the matter was remitted to the District Court for the appellant to be re-sentenced. The appellant did not apply for bail pending re-sentence and remains bail refused.	CAB 115, 196
7 December 2023	Special leave to appeal from the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal of New South Wales was granted.	CAB 204

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