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Form 27B – Appellant’s chronology

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

The King
Appellant

and

Anna Rowan – A Pseudonym
Respondent

APPELLANT’S CHRONOLOGY

Part I: Internet publication certification

1. The appellant certifies that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II: Principal events and proceedings leading to this appeal

Date	Event	Result / Reference	Court
27-Nov-09 – 26-Sep-14	Offending against Paige ¹ by the respondent and James Rowan ('JR') ² the subject of charges 1 and 3 – 6.	-	-
01-Jul-11 – 26-Nov-15	Offending against Paige by the respondent and JR the subject of charges 7 – 12.	-	-
01-Jan-15 – 31-May-15	Offending against Alicia ³ by the respondent and JR the subject of charge 13.	-	-

¹ A pseudonym, pursuant to *Anna Rowan (a pseudonym) v The King* [2022] VSCA 236 ('**judgment below**') (CAB pp 142–196).

² A pseudonym pursuant to the judgment below (CAB pp 142–196).

³ A pseudonym pursuant to the judgment below (CAB pp 142–196).

26-Nov-15	Alicia's first VARE. JR arrested, interviewed, charged and remanded.	-	Magistrates' Court
07-Dec-15	Paige's first VARE.	-	-
30-Dec-15	Alicia's second VARE. Paige's second VARE.	-	-
09-Sep-16	Alicia's third VARE.	-	-
12-Sep-16	Respondent arrested and interviewed.	-	-
22-Sep-16	Paige's third VARE.	-	-
26-Sep-16	Paige's fourth VARE.	-	-
05-Oct-16	Alicia's fourth VARE.	-	-
25-Sep-17	Filing hearing.	-	Magistrates' Court
06-Oct-17	Committal mention – proceeded by straight hand-up brief	Committed – plea of not guilty.	Magistrates' Court
4-Jun-18 – 7-Jun-18	A fitness investigation was conducted under the <i>Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997</i> (Vic) in respect of the respondent.	The jury found that the respondent was fit to stand trial.	County Court
8-Jun-18 – 21-Jun-18	A special hearing was conducted under s. 370 of the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 2009</i> (Vic).	The complainants adopted their VAREs as their evidence in chief and were cross-examined separately by counsel for JR and counsel for the respondent.	County Court
25-Jun-18 – 02-Jul-18	Trial hearing (No.1)	Jury empaneled, trial commenced, jury discharged without verdict.	County Court
18-Feb-19 – 08-Mar-19	Trial hearing (No. 2)	JR was found guilty of 26 charges he faced alone. The jury were unable to return verdicts on the 13 joint charges	County Court

		against JR and the respondent and were discharged.	
27-Feb-20	Pre-trial ruling	The trial judge ruled that the defence of duress was not open to the respondent on the evidence.	County Court
12-Mar-20	Pre-trial ruling	The trial judge granted JR a separate trial.	County Court
17-Jun-21 – 30-Jun-21	Trial (No.3)	Mixed verdict – Guilty on charges 1, 3–13 – Not guilty on charge 2. CAB p 109	County Court
12-Aug-21	Plea		County Court
13-Aug-21	Sentence – <i>Director of Public Prosecutions v Rowan (a pseudonym)</i> [2021] VCC 1135	Respondent sentenced. CAB pp 110–132	County Court
10-Sep-21	Applications for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence filed.	CAB pp 138–141	Court of Appeal
03-Feb-22	Amended application for leave to appeal against conviction filed.	CAB pp 133–137	Court of Appeal
06-Sep-22	Applications for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence – and appeals <i>instanter</i> – heard	Judgment reserved	Court of Appeal
28-Oct-22	Judgment – <i>Anna Rowan (a pseudonym) v The King</i> [2022] VSCA 236	Application for leave to appeal against conviction granted; appeal allowed: – Convictions on charges 1 and 3 to 13 set aside; re-trial ordered on each of those charges	Court of Appeal

		CAB pp 142–198	
03-Nov-22	Application for bail pending re-trial.	Bail granted.	Court of Appeal
25-Nov-22	Application for Special Leave filed and served		High Court
16-Jun-23	Hearing of Application for Special Leave	Application granted.	High Court
19-Jun-23	Orders granting Application for Special Leave authenticated	CAB pp 203–204	High Court

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