



## HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA**  
**MELBOURNE REGISTRY**

**BETWEEN:** **SEYYED ABDOLZADEH FARSHCHI**  
Appellant  
  
and  
  
**THE KING**  
Respondent

**APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY**

**PART I: CERTIFICATION AS TO PUBLICATION**

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

**PART II: CHRONOLOGY**

2. The following table sets out the chronology of principal events in this matter:

No.	Date	Event	CAB reference
Alleged offending			
1	Between about 1 January 2015 and about 15 July 2017	Alleged offending on the indictment.  At trial, the prosecution relied on two distinct periods (mid-2015 to 11 March 2017, and late-April or early May to 15 July 2017), but ultimately limited its case to the first period.	CAB 7  CAB 107-108

County Court of Victoria at Melbourne			
2	4 September 2023	Counsel for the appellant and co-accused make written submissions that the direction that a reasonable doubt is not an “unrealistic possibility” ( <b>the Direction</b> ) should not be given because, amongst other things, it diminishes the criminal standard of proof.	
3	6 September 2023	Counsel for the appellant make oral submissions that the Direction should not be given.	
4	7 September 2023	Trial judge determines not to rule on the issue of the Direction until at the conclusion of the trial.	
5	7 September 2023	Jury empanelled in appellant’s first trial. Trial judge does not refer to the Direction in preliminary remarks to the jury.	
6	20 September 2023	Jury discharged due to errors made by the interpreter with regard to the complainant’s evidence.	
7	20 September 2023	Jury empanelled in the appellant’s second trial.	
8	21 September 2023	Proceeding suppression order made until 22 September 2026, prohibiting from disclosure, by publication or otherwise, any part of the proceedings or any information derived from the	CAB 199

		proceedings which could directly identify particular witnesses named in the order, including any reference to the addresses where they reside or where they have resided in the past.	
9	18 October 2023	Appellant's counsel make further written and oral submissions that the Direction should not be given as part of the charge.	
10	19 October 2023	After prosecution limits its case to the first period of alleged offending, the appellant's co-accused makes a successful no case submission on charge 3.	
11	20 October 2023	Trial judge rules against the appellant and indicates will give the Direction.	
12	23 October 2023	Jury directed by the trial judge during the charge: "A reasonable doubt is not an imaginary or fanciful doubt or an unrealistic possibility".	CAB 23
13	30 October 2023	Appellant found guilty on charges 1 and 2. Co-accused acquitted on charge 4.	
14	30 January 2024	Appellant sentenced to a total effective sentence of 3 years and 6 months' imprisonment, with a non-parole period of 1 year and 6 months.	CAB 153

Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria			
15	27 February 2024	Application for leave to appeal against conviction filed.  Ground 1: “The learned trial judge erred by directing the jury that a reasonable doubt is not an unrealistic possibility”.	CAB 204
16	27 February 2024	Application for leave to appeal against sentence filed.	CAB 206
County Court of Victoria at Melbourne			
17	23 September 2024	Proceeding suppression order made on 21 September 2023 varied, to permit information the subject of the suppression order to be disclosed for the purpose of, or in connection with, civil proceedings that had been commenced.	CAB 202
Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria			
18	14 October 2024	Judgment given, refusing the applications for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence.	CAB 208
19	14 October 2024	Order made, refusing the applications for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence.	CAB 226
High Court of Australia			
20	6 March 2025	Special leave granted to the appellant to appeal to this Court from the whole of the judgment and order of the Court of Appeal of the	CAB 235

		Supreme Court of Victoria given and made on 14 October 2024.	
21	20 March 2025	Notice of Appeal (Form 24) filed.	CAB 237
22	20 March 2025	Notice of a Constitutional Matter (Form 1) filed.	CAB 240

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