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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Appellant

and

MICHAEL O'CONNELL

Respondent

APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

Part I: This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II:

Date	Event	Reference
14 April 2022	The respondent attends Ms Jordan's home to stay the night.	CA [15] JCAB 77
15 April 2022, around 2:00am	The respondent and Ms Jordan have an argument and the respondent attempts to leave her house.	CA [15] JCAB 77
15 April 2022, around 4:00am	The respondent drives with Ms Jordan on the bonnet of his car, up Coutts Place and turns the corner at Alfred Hill Drive. Ms Jordan falls from the car and sustains a severe head injury.	CA [24]-[25] JCAB 79
15 April 2022	Ms X makes a 000 call.	ABFM 225
15 April 2022	Ms X participates in a recorded conversation with police.	CA [23] JCAB 79

Date	Event	Reference
16 April 2022	The respondent participates in a recorded interview with police.	ABFM 231
17 April 2022	Ms Jordan dies in hospital.	CA [1] JCAB 74
17 April 2022	Ms X participates in a recorded interview with police.	ABFM 199
22 April 2022	The respondent gives an account of the incident to his son in a recorded phone call from the Alexander Machonachie Centre.	ABFM 293
30 May 2023-9 June 2023	The respondent is tried before Baker J and a jury for the murder of Ms Jordan.	JCAB 51
15 June 2023	The jury returns a verdict of murder.	JCAB 47
12-13 February 2024	Hearing before the Court of Appeal (McCallum CJ, Loukas-Karlsson and Taylor JJ).	JCAB 72
27 June 2025	The Court of Appeal (by majority) makes orders setting aside the verdict of guilty of murder and the sentence imposed by Baker J, enters a verdict of not guilty of murder and reserves the question of whether an alternative verdict should be entered.	JCAB 146
29 September 2025	The Court of Appeal (by majority) makes orders entering a verdict of guilty on the alternative offence of manslaughter and remitting the proceedings to Baker J for resentencing.	JCAB 174

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