



## HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA  
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

**The King**  
Appellant

and

**Sebastien Bechaud**  
Respondent

**APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY**

**PART I — FORM OF SUBMISSIONS**

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

**PART II — CHRONOLOGY**

2. Principal events and proceedings leading to this appeal are contained in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Result / Reference</b>	<b>Court</b>
10/03/2021	Offending against the complainant.	<b>CAB<sup>1</sup> 5–7.</b>	–
04/11/2021	Respondent interviewed by investigating police.	Respondent arrested and bailed.	–
17/03/2023	Filing hearing.	Listed for committal mention.	Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

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<sup>1</sup> Core Appeal Book (restricted), filed 8 May 2026 ('**CAB**').

11/08/2023	Committal mention.	Listed for committal hearing.	Magistrates' Court of Victoria.
08/11/2023	Committal hearing.	Plea of not guilty entered.  Committed to stand trial.	Magistrates' Court of Victoria.
06/12/2023	Initial directions hearing.	Listed for trial.	County Court of Victoria.
10/07/2024	Directions hearing.	Trial date confirmed.	County Court of Victoria.
22/07/2024 – 23/07/2024	Pre-trial.	–	County Court of Victoria.
24/07/2024	Trial begins. Jury empaneled.  Separation oath administered by trial judge.	<b>AFM<sup>2</sup> 4–14.</b>	County Court of Victoria.
01/08/2024 – 02/08/2024	Summing up by trial judge.	<b>CAB 8–59.</b>	County Court of Victoria.
06/08/2024	Verdicts reached:  <i>Charge 1 – not guilty.</i> <i>Charge 2 – guilty.</i>	<b>CAB 60.</b>  Respondent remanded.	County Court of Victoria.
18/10/2024	Plea hearing.	Listed for sentence.	County Court of Victoria.

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<sup>2</sup> Appellant's Book of Further Material, filed 28 May 2026 ('AFM').

25/10/2024	<p>Sentencing hearing:</p> <p><i>4 years' imprisonment, with a non-parole period of 20 months.</i></p> <p>(DPP v Bechaud (County Court of Victoria, Judge Gaynor, 25 October 2024))</p>	<p><b>CAB 61–79.</b></p> <p><b>CAB 80.</b></p>	<p>County Court of Victoria.</p>
06/05/2025	<p>Application for leave to appeal against conviction filed.</p> <p>Application for an extension of time in which to file filed.</p>	–	<p>Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.</p>
29/07/2025	<p>Amended application for leave to appeal against conviction filed.</p>	<b>CAB 81–84.</b>	<p>Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.</p>
10/11/2025	<p>Application for leave to appeal against conviction / Appeal <i>instanter</i> hearing.</p>	<p><b>CAB 85.</b></p> <p><b>CAB 111–112.</b></p> <p>Judgment reserved.</p>	<p>Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.</p>
04/12/2025	<p>Judgment hearing.</p> <p>Majority (Priest and Kaye JJA) uphold Ground 1.</p> <p>(<i>Bechaud v The King</i> [2025] VSCA 306)</p>	<p><b>CAB 85–108.</b></p> <p><b>CAB 109–110.</b></p> <p>Application for an extension of time granted; Ground 1 granted; Appeal allowed; Conviction on charge 2 quashed and sentence set aside; Re-trial ordered on charge 2.</p>	<p>Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.</p>

23/12/2025	Amended application for special leave to appeal to the High Court filed by the appellant.	–	High Court of Australia.
	Application for special leave served on the respondent.	–	High Court of Australia.
09/04/2026	Application for special leave granted.	<b>CAB 113–114.</b>	High Court of Australia.
21/04/2026	Notice of appeal filed by the appellant.	–	High Court of Australia.

Dated: 28 May 2026



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