

FACTS RELATIVE TO STEPHEN HATLY GRAY.

At the time of this offence the prisoner was the Anglican Minister of Religion at the St. James Anglican Church, Byron Street Wyong. This position had been held by him for approximately eighteen months and he informed me that he was ordained a Minister of Religion on the 17th September, 1973.

On or about the 5th February, 1990, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] 74. of [REDACTED], took up residence at the St. James Anglican Church, Wyong, and during the following week he carried out a Community Service Order at the church.

On the evening of the 12th February, 1990, a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] 67. of [REDACTED], contacted the St. James Anglican Church by telephone and requested the prisoner to attend the East Toukley area to meet him for the purpose of discussing a problem that [REDACTED] had with his girlfriend.

A short time later the prisoner attended a telephone box on Main Road, East Toukley, and at the time he was in company with the young person [REDACTED]. On arrival at that location [REDACTED] alighted from the vehicle and he was left at that location for approximately half an hour whilst the prisoner and [REDACTED] went to another location and discussed [REDACTED]'s problem. The both then returned and with [REDACTED] then went to the Toukley Lions Club Park, Norah Head, and each consumed a small quantity of wine that [REDACTED] had had in his possession.

After a short time at the park, the three persons then went back to the prisoner's study which is located in the front of a hall which is at the rear of the church, adjacent to the rectory. In the study the three persons consumed a quantity of Red Mill rum and tawny port. It is believed that the young person [REDACTED] then removed a magazine or two from on top of a wardrobe and each perused those magazines.

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It is alleged by [REDACTED] that the prisoner then told [REDACTED] to go into the hall and he followed a short time later. [REDACTED] told Police that he remained in the study for a short time after the prisoner went into the hall and that he then entered the hall and saw the prisoner standing behind [REDACTED] who was bending over and that the prisoner had his penis in the anus of the young person [REDACTED]. He also alleges that [REDACTED] said, "Father Stephen, don't, it hurts." He alleges that the prisoner continued to have anal sex with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] again said, "Father Stephen, stop, it hurts." It is alleged that the prisoner let go of the person [REDACTED] and he fell to the floor and said, "I feel sick."

According to the prisoner when interviewed at the Toukley Police Station on the evening of the 12th February, 1990, it was [REDACTED]'s idea that they all go into the hall and that in fact on the prisoner's admissions, he had committed oral sex with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]'s penis and then [REDACTED] is alleged to have said to the prisoner, "Fuck him". It is alleged by the prisoner that all persons were naked at the time and that [REDACTED] guided the prisoner's penis into the anus of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was later interviewed about this allegation and he denied the allegation that he had his penis sucked by the prisoner and that he assisted the prisoner in placing his penis into the anus of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was also interviewed about these allegations and he also denied the allegations.

Later that night, the three persons then went in the prisoner's motor vehicle, to Elizabeth Drive, Noraville, where [REDACTED] got out of the vehicle. It is alleged by [REDACTED] that the prisoner said, "Why don't you go for a swim and take [REDACTED] with you, you never know something might happen." [REDACTED] alleged that he then got out of the vehicle and so did the prisoner and that the prisoner then punched [REDACTED] a couple of times to the head and ribs area.

According to the prisoner when interviewed, he alleged that [REDACTED] told him that you couldn't have a kid getting around with this on him and that because of their friendship, he was prepared to take [REDACTED] for a swim. He further stated to the prisoner that people don't come back from midnight swims.

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It is admitted by the prisoner that he did assault [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] went to the door of the vehicle and called him a poofter priest. The prisoner got out of the vehicle and took hold of [REDACTED] and that was when this assault took place.

The prisoner then got into his motor vehicle and drove to the home of [REDACTED] which was only a short distance away and waited for both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to return to [REDACTED]'s home. On their arrival, he approached them and told them he was sorry. He then said to [REDACTED] "If it's going to help go ahead and hit me." [REDACTED] then hit the prisoner in the mouth.

The prisoner then left the vicinity of [REDACTED]'s home and a short time later this matter was reported by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the Toukley Police Station.

The victim [REDACTED] was taken to the Gosford District Hospital on the morning of the 12th February, 1990, where he was examined by Doctor [REDACTED] and a Sexual Assault Kit prepared.

About 4.10pm the same afternoon, in company with other Police, I attended the St. James Anglican Church, where the prisoner was interviewed and a Search Warrant was executed. The prisoner was then conveyed to the Toukley Police Station where he made a telephone call to a Solicitor, [REDACTED], and a ten page record of interview was then conducted with the prisoner in which he made full admissions in relation to this offence.

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