

[redacted], speak with defence counsel. In my view an ex officio Information is an exceptional matter to take when adding another charge involving another victim. Ordinarily an Acc is entitled to a committal hearing. Should defence wish to expedite the matter by agreeing to the laying of an ex officio [illegible] then victim with others then so be it, otherwise the matter should proceed in the usual way, viz. committal hearing. I do not consider the similar fact evidence is admissible on [illegible]of striking similarities, [illegible] features. That is where you are trying to prove identity [illegible] [illegible] on the offender from those peculiar features. Here identity is not in issue. This is a case like Hoch & Liddy ie the improbability line of reasoning [illegible] the requirement per Hoch to eliminate concoction.

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