

POLICE

v

JOANNE BEVIN

Date: 20 March 2019  
Counsel: Messrs K Bell & J Epati for the Crown  
Mr D McNair for the Defendant  
Sentence: 20 March 2019

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**SENTENCING NOTES OF HUGH WILLIAMS, CJ**

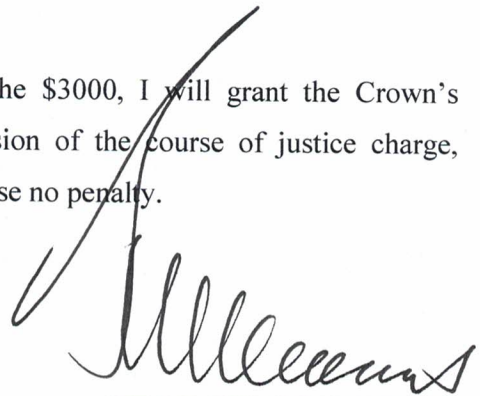
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[1] Ms Bevin, it has been a sorry episode for you. One which has obviously caused you considerable amount of stress. As you now realise it was foolish to give this chap his passport back particularly when you had been in Court and you knew the terms on which it was to be released.

[2] I can understand that you were overworked and overstressed at the time but you did have obligations to the Court arising out of the terms on which the passport was released.

[3] Given that your employer has paid the \$3000, I will grant the Crown's application to withdraw the attempted diversion of the course of justice charge, convict you on the contempt of Court but impose no penalty.



**Hugh Williams, CJ**