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R - v - McKEE & McKEE

After the attack on Mr. Hamilton information came to the attention of the police that this Reserve constable had made an early phone call (Inaudible) to the home of the suspected attacker, namely the boyfriend of the defendant's niece, advising him to dispose of the clothing that he was wearing earlier. Indeed, if your Honour please, might I say at this stage Mrs. McKee played a significant part in ensuring that this information came to the attention of the police and at one stage accompanied the person (Inaudible) to the police station.

As a result of this information coming to police notice the Reserve constable was interviewed by an investigating detective. However, he denied making the phone call throughout that interview. The police were able to establish that the phone call in fact had been made from his telephone to the home of a person suspected (Inaudible). The Reserve constable (Inaudible) and recognised that it had serious consequences (Inaudible) so far as he was concerned and so he got Mr. McKee to take responsibility for making the phone call saying that he, Mr. McKee, and Mrs. McKee stayed over at his home on the night of the attack with his wife. The next morning the Reserve constable's wife (Inaudible) and he, Mr. McKee, thinking that his niece would also be in the town centre, was concerned for her safety and therefore rang the suspect's home, the boyfriend, to enquire about her safety. Mrs.