

insignificant degree of hypoxic/ischaemic damage present. In other words, it must have been the assault, in its entirety (and this would be with or without any associated fall to the ground), which was responsible for his ultimately fatal head injury (whatever the terminal mechanism), and it therefore follows that any possible delay in the provision of first aid at the scene neither contributed significantly to, nor exacerbated, this traumatic damage. The inevitable conclusion from this, therefore, is that the outcome would have been the same, even if the deceased had been given first aid immediately after the assault.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Lawler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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