

R.V. PAUL HOBSON (122/98)

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2 MR [REDACTED]: May it please your Lordship my Lord, the first
3 matter I would wish to mention to your Lordship is the case
4 of Hobson which has been listed this morning. Hobson was
5 adjourned previously as your Lordship will be aware so that
6 certain medical reports could be prepared on behalf of the
7 defence. Subject to the date available, counsel would be in
8 a position to proceed, I don't know what the position is vis
9 a vis the defence.

10 MR [REDACTED]: May it please your Lordship my Lord, I appear on behalf
11 of this accused with my learned friend Mr [REDACTED]. The
12 position as outlined to your Lordship on the last occasion
13 was that we had obtained a report from Doctor [REDACTED], the
14 pathologist. On foot of that, third party proceedings were
15 brought to have hospital records of the deceased. Those were
16 agreed to and the position is that they are very, very bulky
17 but they were sent to Doctor [REDACTED]. He has now given us, as
18 it were, a final report but he has directed that we should
19 obtain in the first instance the views of the
20 neuro-pathologist. The papers in that have been forwarded to
21 the pathologist and we are waiting a report back. Dependant
22 on the content of that report there maybe a requirement to
23 have a neuro-surgeon. We are conscious of the time factor.
24 As I say, subject...

25 MR JUSTICE McCOLLUM: How far can these things go, really?

26 MR [REDACTED]: I accept that my Lord, but the other factor I would
27 mention, I mentioned to your Lordship on the last occasion
28 there were two witnesses whose statements were not furnished
29 to the Defence.