

**LAXMAN RAJAMANI**

v

**THE QUEEN**

Court: Blanchard, McGrath and Anderson JJ

Counsel: G J King for Applicant  
K B F Hastie for Crown

Judgment: 19 April 2007

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT**

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**A Leave to appeal is granted.**

**B The approved grounds are:**

- [1] Whether a decision by a trial judge to proceed with 10 jurors is amenable to examination on an appeal.**
- [2] If so, whether the Judge's decision in this case rendered the trial a nullity.**
- [3] Whether the Judge's directions to the jury in respect of the defence of provocation were erroneous.**
- [4] Whether the Judge's directions to the jury in respect of statements by the deceased to Crown witnesses were erroneous.**

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