

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

**SC 4/2006
SC 5/2006
[2006] NZSC 15**

**JOSEPH JUNIOR SIPA
TESSA JEAN EDWARDS**

v

THE QUEEN

Court: Tipping, McGrath and Anderson JJ
Counsel: M Starling for Appellants
F E Guy Kidd and M J Inwood for Crown
Judgment: 28 March 2006

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

[1] Leave to appeal is granted in both these cases, which have been considered together as they raise common issues.

[2] The ground approved, in terms of Rule 29, is whether, before allowing the Solicitor-General's appeals, the Court of Appeal should, in the circumstances of the present cases, have expressly offered the appellants the opportunity to appeal against their convictions and thereby to seek their setting aside and the remission of the cases to the District Court for reconsideration of their pleas.

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