

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND**

**SC 88/2006  
[2006] NZSC 104**

BETWEEN                      NIKALA JANICE TAYLOR  
Appellant

AND                              CHRISTOPHER DEAN JONES  
Respondent

**SC 90/2006**

AND BETWEEN              KAY HALTON SKELTON  
Appellant

AND                              CHRISTOPHER DEAN JONES  
Respondent

Hearing:            6 December 2006

Court:                Elias CJ, Blanchard, Tipping, McGrath and Anderson JJ

Counsel:            W C Pyke for N J Taylor  
D P H Jones QC for K H Skelton  
T Sutcliffe and L F Walkington for Respondent

Judgment:        6 December 2006

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT**

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**In relation to Ms N J Taylor:**

- A      Leave to appeal is granted.**
- B      The order for habeas corpus made by Heath J in the High Court on 18 October 2006 was a final order and accordingly the Court of Appeal had jurisdiction to hear and determine the appeal.**
- C      The appeal is allowed. The orders for habeas corpus and other orders made by the High Court on 18 October 2006, except Order No. 9 relating to publication of the name of Nikala J Taylor, are quashed in respect of this appellant.**
- D      The order for suppression of this appellant's name, made by the High Court on 18 October 2006, is to lapse at 9 a.m. on 7 December 2006.**
- E      The sealed affidavit by this appellant, held on the Court file, and any copies, must be returned to Mr W C Pyke.**
- F      Costs are reserved.**

**In relation to Ms K H Skelton:**

- A      Leave to appeal is granted.**
  - B      The order for habeas corpus made by Heath J in the High Court on 18 October 2006 was a final order.**
  - C      The appeal is dismissed.**
  - D      Costs are reserved.**
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[1] We are not prepared to make any suppression orders in respect of the proceedings in this Court,

[2] Reasons for judgment will be given in due course.

[3] We wish to make it clear that the order of Keane J imprisoning Ms Skelton was not the subject of any separate appeal to this Court.

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