



Supreme Court of New Zealand

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**Kurt John Owen v The Queen
(SC 25/2007) [2007] NZSC 102**

PRESS SUMMARY

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The Supreme Court has dismissed this appeal in which the appellant contended that the verdict of the jury which found him guilty on five counts of sexual violation was unreasonable. The Court has held that a verdict will be unreasonable if, having regard to all the evidence, the jury could not reasonably have been satisfied to the required standard of beyond reasonable doubt that the accused was guilty. In agreement with the Court of Appeal the Court has held that having regard to all the evidence in the present case the jury could reasonably have been satisfied of the appellant's guilt on all counts.

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