



## Supreme Court of New Zealand

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**Kevin Jack Ngan v The Queen  
(SC 5/2007) [2007] NZSC 105**

### **PRESS SUMMARY**

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The Supreme Court has unanimously dismissed Mr Ngan's appeal against conviction for possession of methamphetamine for supply. A car he was driving was involved in a serious accident in which he was injured. After Mr Ngan had been taken away to hospital and the police were dealing with the crash scene, items of his property, including a sealed pouch, were located in the wreckage of his car. In the course of completing an inventory of the items, which they took into safekeeping, the police opened the sealed pouch and discovered a quantity of methamphetamine in it.

The Court has found that evidence given at his trial of the discovery of the methamphetamine in those circumstances was properly admitted. There was no breach of Mr Ngan's right under s 21 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.

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