



Supreme Court of New Zealand

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**MARK RAYMOND CREEDY v COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
(SC 57/2007) [2008] NZSC 31**

PRESS SUMMARY

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The appellant, Mr Creedy, was formerly a Police Officer. He seeks to bring a personal grievance against the respondent, the Commissioner of Police, alleging that he was constructively and unjustifiably dismissed. In order to do so, Mr Creedy must establish first that he has the right to invoke the grievance procedure in the Employment Relations Act 2000 and secondly that he should be permitted to do so outside the usual time limit.

The Supreme Court has held unanimously that Mr Creedy had the right to bring the claim, provided that he did so within the specified time. He had not done so, and his appeal must therefore be dismissed.

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