

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND**

**SC 17/2008  
[2008] NZSC 38**

**AHMAD ZANZOUL**

v

**THE QUEEN**

Court: Elias CJ, Blanchard and Wilson JJ

Counsel: T Ellis for Applicant  
K B F Hastie for Respondent

Judgment: 9 May 2008

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (NAME SUPPRESSION)**

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**The application for an order suppressing the applicant's name and identifying particulars is dismissed.**

**REASONS**

[1] Some 17 months after the Court of Appeal dismissed his appeal against conviction the applicant has applied for leave to appeal against that decision. He has also applied, apparently for the first time in the proceeding, for suppression of his name and identifying particulars. Those details have in the intervening period been published in connection with the Court of Appeal's judgment and it may be that there was earlier publication in relation to the trial and conviction in the District Court.

[2] In these circumstances, notwithstanding the apprehension expressed by the applicant, the futility of an order in the terms sought is apparent. Therefore, whether or not an order would have been granted if application had been made to the Court of Appeal at the time of its decision, the present application must be dismissed.

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