

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

**SC 113/2011
[2011] NZSC 147**

RONALD VAN WAKEREN

v

THE QUEEN

Court: Blanchard, McGrath and William Young JJ

Counsel: Applicant in person
A Markham for Crown

Judgment: 5 December 2011

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

The application for leave to appeal is dismissed.

REASONS

[1] The applicant is a career criminal with over 200 previous convictions. He is seeking leave to appeal against an aggregate sentence of 12 years, 3 months with an aggregate minimum term of imprisonment of six years imposed by way of cumulative penalties in respect of 70 burglary and dishonesty offences. These involved six episodes of offending, including the burglary of the National Army Museum in which medals of national significance valued at more than \$5 million were taken.

[2] The applicant makes a large number of unconvincing criticisms of the Court of Appeal judgment. The sentences imposed in the District Court were carefully

reviewed and, where necessary, adjusted by the Court of Appeal.¹ The applicant is seeking in essence a further review by this Court. In the absence of any arguable question of principle or any appearance of a substantial miscarriage of justice in the way in which the total sentence or the total minimum term of imprisonment has been set, it is not in the interests of justice that there should be a further appeal to this Court. The sentences were well merited. The criteria for leave are not met.

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¹ *Van Wakeren v R* [2011] NZCA 503.