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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

**SC 40/2026
[2026] NZSC 104**

BETWEEN LEWIS EDWARD SCOTT
Applicant

AND THE KING
Respondent

Court: Ellen France, Williams and Cooke JJ

Counsel: H G de Groot for Applicant
I S Auld for Respondent

Judgment: 12 August 2026

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

- A The application for an extension of time to apply for leave to appeal is granted.**
- B Leave to appeal is granted (*Scott v R* [2020] NZCA 448).**
- C The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal against conviction.**
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REASONS

[1] The Registrar is to arrange a teleconference with counsel to address two matters: first, the possibility of further evidence on the practicalities of takedown orders addressing prejudicial online information, including the “snippets” said to be available in the present case; and, second, the possibility of interested parties

intervening in the appeal. Counsel should file memoranda addressing those issues in advance of the conference.

Solicitors:

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