NOTE: HIGH COURT ORDER PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF NAME, ADDRESS OR IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF APPELLANT PURSUANT TO S 200 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT 2011 REMAINS IN FORCE. SEE http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2011/0081/latest/DLM3360346.html.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

SC 56/2026
[2026] NZSC 142

BETWEEN	F (SC 56/2026) Applicant
AND	THE KING Respondent

Court:	Ellen France, Williams and Cooke JJ
Counsel:	M A Stevens KC and K H Cook for Applicant P D Marshall and O A Jessop Boivin for Respondent
Judgment:	5 October 2026

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

A **Leave to appeal is granted (*F (CA481/2025) v R* [2026] NZCA 168).**

B **The approved questions are:**

(a) **whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal against conviction; and**

(b) **whether the sentence imposed by the Court of Appeal involved an error of principle.**

REASONS

[1] The Registrar is to set the appeal down for an urgent hearing. The Registrar should also arrange a teleconference to discuss case management.

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