

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA**  
**SYDNEY OFFICE OF THE REGISTRY**

No. S142 of 2014

**B E T W E E N:**

**HUNTER AND NEW ENGLAND**  
**LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

Appellant

- and -

**MERRYN ELIZABETH MCKENNA**

Respondent



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**APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY**

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**Part I:**

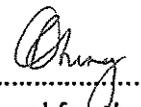
I certify that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

**Part II:**

Date	Event	Appeal Book Reference
<b>Pre Admission</b>		
18.10.62	Pettigrove born	
3.10.03	Pettigrove's last contact with Mental Health Services in Victoria – noted to be "doing well in the community"	
Early December 2003	Pettigrove travels north from Echuca to Taree	
Jan 2004 – 20.7.04	Pettigrove and Rose sharing camping accommodation in Cooperook National Park near Taree	

<b>20 July 2004</b>		
2.50am	Rose becomes concerned about Pettigrove's behaviour – ambulance called	
3.50am	Pettigrove brought in by ambulance to Emergency Department at Manning Base Hospital Taree – admitted with principal diagnosis "exacerbation of chronic paranoid schizophrenia"	
4.30am	Duty doctor certifies pursuant to s.21 <i>Mental Health Act 1990</i> (NSW) [MHA] that Pettigrove is mentally ill and involuntary admission and detention necessary	
(unknown time)	Medical superintendent certifies pursuant to s.29 MHA that in her opinion Pettigrove is a mentally ill person	
4.00pm	Dr Coombes, Rose, Pettigrove and a nurse meet – Pettigrove's mother contacted on Dr Coombes' mobile telephone during meeting. Resolved that Pettigrove would remain in hospital overnight and be discharged the next morning to travel with Rose to his mother's home in Cohuna, Victoria.	
Post 4.00pm	Dr Coombes records "Well-documented history of schizophrenia for 20 years. Now withdrawn, perplexed, almost mute, sitting quietly by himself. No[t] obviously hallucinating. Insufficient speech to detect delusions. Given medication today - probably marginally better this afternoon. No apparent risk to self or others."	
Post 4.00pm	Dr Coombes completes 'Form 2' pursuant to s.33 of the MHA recording his advice that he has personally examined Pettigrove and is of the opinion that Pettigrove is a mentally ill person.	
<b>21 July 2004</b>		
08.15 am – 10.30 am	Dr Coombes meets with Pettigrove twice: once for 10 – 15 minutes while Pettigrove waits for Rose to collect him	
10.30am	Rose arrives to collect Pettigrove – observed to hug and greet each other warmly	
Pre 11.35am	Dr Coombes completes Discharge Report	
11.35am	Pettigrove and Rose depart hospital	
8.30pm	Pettigrove attacks and kills Rose in car beside Newell Highway near Dubbo, New South Wales	
<b>Post 21 July 2004</b>	Pettigrove commits suicide	

Dated: 25 July 2014



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