



JUDICIARY OF
ENGLAND AND WALES

Alexander Blackman

In the Court Martial Appeal Court

Judgment

16th December 2016

There is before the court an application for bail and for directions. The court has postponed until further order the reporting of what has transpired at the hearing today in the interests of justice. What is said in this judgment may be reported.

The issues referred by the CCRC all in essence appear to turn on the mental state of the appellant at various material times including, in particular, at the time of the shooting. The Crown only received the full reference from the Criminal Cases Review Commission, as did the court, yesterday afternoon or evening. In the circumstances Mr Perry QC for the Crown has helpfully indicated to the court that he will be in a position by next week to make clear the stance that the Crown is going to take about the evidence in relation to the appellant's mental state.

As that decision is central to the way in which the appeal will be heard and the timescale within which it can be heard, including the probability of hearing it within weeks, the court considers that the interests of justice are best served by adjourning this application until next week. When the court receives the Crown's indication of its stance it will then determine the issue of bail and give further directions.

Lord Thomas
Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales

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