



JUDICIARY OF
ENGLAND AND WALES

15th March 2017

PRESS SUMMARY

Case No: 2016/05551/B1 AND 2016/05552/B1

Regina v Alexander Wayne Blackman

In the court martial appeal court on a reference by the Criminal Cases Review Commission on appeal from a court martial (the Judge Advocate General)

Before The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales (Lord Thomas); The president of the Queen's Bench Division (Sir Brian Leveson); The Vice President of the Court of Appeal Criminal Division (Lady Justice Hallett); Mr Justice Openshaw; Mr Justice Sweeney.

1. The verdict is unsafe and the conviction for murder must be quashed.[80]
2. We substitute a verdict of manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility. [114]
3. As agreed, we will fix a date for the hearing of the submissions in relation to sentence.[114]

References in square brackets are to paragraphs in the judgment

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