

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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JONATHAN STREET

versus

THE STATE

The appellant in this matter was tried in the Regional Court on a charge of murder, it having been alleged that he had stabbed Patrick Perreira Caetano to death during an incident which occurred in Kyalami on 29 December 2002.

The appellant was convicted of murder in the regional court and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. On appeal to the High Court, Johannesburg the conviction and the sentence of 15 years imprisonment were set aside and were replaced by a conviction as an accessory after the fact to the murder and a sentence of five years imprisonment.

In a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeal, the conviction as an accessory after the fact and the sentence of five years imprisonment were set aside and replaced with a conviction of common assault and a fine of R6 000.00 or six months imprisonment, half of which was conditionally suspended for three years.