

TASMANIA v TIMOTHY RICHARD ROSIER
COMMENTS ON PASSING SENTENCE

2 MAY 2007
CRAWFORD J

Timothy Richard Rosier pleaded guilty to one count of perverting justice and one count of making a false declaration.

A friend had a single motor vehicle accident and after it asked the accused, who was not present at the time of the accident, to join with him in the making of a false claim that the driver had not in fact been driving the vehicle at the time, but had been drinking with the accused in a hotel. He agreed to do this out of his friendship with the man and as a result he made a false statement to a police officer and made a false declaration also after having been warned that he could face punishment if he made a false declaration.

They were both serious offences. However, he realised very quickly the seriousness of what he had done and the Court accepts that he then contacted the police and retracted what he'd done and made a clean breast of everything and that counts a lot for him in the sentencing process. If he had not done that the punishment would have been much more substantial than it is going to be.

He has no record of any relevance. He was aged 34 at the time. He is convicted and fined \$1,000. He will be liable to pay \$100 by way of victims of crime compensation levies and it is directed that payment of both the fine and levies be made within three months.