

Making a false declaration is a serious matter. It undermines the law, and has the potential to bring the justice system into disrepute. In this case, some police time was wasted, but you told the truth without an inordinate delay. For those reasons I order that a conviction be recorded. Given your age and good prospects I will otherwise adjourn the proceedings for 18 months and order your release on you giving an undertaking to be of good behaviour for that period. The effect of that order is that if you comply there will be, other than the conviction, no further consequence. On the other hand, if you do not comply you may be called upon to re-appear and be re-sentenced.