



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA  
APPEAL DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF A REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
617 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE BY THE HONOURABLE JEAN  
CHRETIEN, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, TO THE APPEAL  
DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA UPON  
AN APPLICATION FOR THE MERCY OF THE CROWN ON  
BEHALF OF DONALD MARSHALL, JR.

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I, M. A. Mian, Medical Doctor, of Sydney, in the County  
of Cape Breton, Province of Nova Scotia, make oath and say as  
follows:

1. THAT I am a Psychiatrist and presently the Medical Director of the Cape Breton Hospital, an institution for the treatment of the mentally ill.
2. THAT I know John Louis Pratico, who testified at the Preliminary Hearing in July 1971, and Trial of Donald Marshall, Jr., who was subsequently convicted of the murder of Sandy Seale.
3. THAT the said John L. Pratico has been a psychiatric patient of mine from August 1970, to date.
4. THAT my medical diagnosis of the said John L. Pratico since August 1970, is that he suffers from a schizophreniform illness manifested in his case by liability to fantasize and thereby distortion of reality and rather childish desire to be in the lime-light or center of attraction.
5. THAT in order to function outside of a psychiatric institution, the said John L. Pratico has, since August 1970, to date, been on continual medication under my direction.
6. THAT on August 31, 1971, the said John L. Pratico was admitted to the Nova Scotia Hospital, in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, for psychiatric treatment.

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7. THAT it is my medical opinion that the said John L. Pratico was, in 1971, and has been continuously to date, a wholly unreliable informant and witness with regard to any subject or event, but more particularly in the Sandy Seale murder case in 1971.

SWORN TO at Sydney, in the County )  
of Cape Breton, Province of Nova )  
Scotia, this 19th day of July, )  
A.D., 1982, before me: )

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*J. G. K...*

A BARRISTER OF THE SUPREME COURT )  
OF NOVA SCOTIA )  
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M. A. MIAN, M.D.