

WARNING

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It may include descriptions of violence, racist and offensive language, sexual assault and references to people who have died.

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In the 54th Year of the Reign of Our
Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

QUEENSLAND,
Cooktown
To Wit.

Be IT REMEMBERED, that George Robt Byrne
Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, who, in the absence of Her Majesty's
Attorney-General and Solicitor-General for the Colony of Queensland,
and by virtue of an appointment duly made to him for such purpose,
prosecutes for Her Majesty in this behalf, being present in the
Circuit Court at Cooktown now here
on the 20th day of April, in the
year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one
at Cooktown in the Colony aforesaid, informs the
said Court, that
Joker.

on the third day of August, in the
Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety
at Koolburra Station in the Colony aforesaid,
feloniously willfully and of
his malice aforethought
did Kill and murder
one Henry Russell Jones.

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IN THE Circuit COURT
AT Cook/n
No.
THE QUEEN
against
Joker
INFORMATION
FOR
Murder
WITNESSES.
Henry Box/rs
G. C. SELWYN SMITH,
Crown Solicitor,
Townsville.

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QUEENSLAND,
Townsville
To Wit.

No.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To George Warren of Geraldton
Interpreter

GREETING:

WE COMMAND you ~~and every one of you~~, firmly enjoining you, That laying
aside all pretences and excuses whatsoever, you ~~and every of you~~ be and appear
in your proper persons, before Our Justices assigned to hold Pleas before Us,
on Monday the twentieth day of April One
thousand eight hundred and ninety one by Nine of the clock in the
forenoon of the same day, at Cooktown in Our Colony
of Queensland, in the Court House situate in Cooktown
there to testify the Truth and give Evidence on the part of the ~~Prisoner~~ Crown
before

Our said Justices, touching a certain information to be preferred against
Joker (an aboriginal)
in a case of murder and that you
so appear from day to day until the case be tried; and this you, ~~or any of either~~
~~of you~~ are not to omit, under a Penalty of One Hundred Pounds, to be levied
upon
your ~~and every of your~~ Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, if you, ~~or~~
~~any or~~
~~either of you~~, shall fail in the premises.

WITNESS The Honourable SIR CHARLES LILLEY, Knight, The Chief Justice
of Queensland,
at Brisbane, this twenty fourth day of February in
the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

By the Court,
(Signed) J. Blood Smyth
Registrar.

~~Although Subpoenas for Witnesses are, on the request of prisoners, issued from
the Registrar's Office, it is to be
understood that no Witnesses will receive Expenses from the Crown, except those
bound over by the Magistrates.~~

~~G. C. SELWYN SMITH,~~

~~Crown Solicitor.~~

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Colony of Queensland
To wit

on the 11th day of March 1891 Senior Constable James
ONeill of geraldton appears before the undersigned one of her
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Queensland and
makes oath that on the 10th march 1891 at geraldton in the
said Colony he personally served the within named
George Warren with the within subpoena by delivering a
Copy of it to him personally and at the same time showing
him the original subpoena

Sworn before me James O'Neill
this 11th day of march 1891 Senior Const Reg no 18
at geraldton

B.H. Ogilvie JP.

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No.

THE QUEEN

v.

Joker

ORIGINAL SUBPOENA

G. C. SELWYN SMITH.
Crown Solicitor,
Townsville.

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MEMORANDUM:

Court House
Cooktown 26/9/90

To Secretary Crown Law Office
Brisbane

In re
Regina v Joker Murder

Under separate cover I have forwarded
Depositions in above. In the Event of
true Bill being found on account
of prisoner's youth, I would recommend
that he is handed over to Mr. Hely in
British New Guinea (The administrator
consenting); the feeling ~~here~~ being so strong
against the prisoner, it would not be
advisable to let him go here. The witnesses
can be bound over should it be decided to go
on with the case.

Hugh Millman P.M.

B/c The Crown Pros autos
Northern Sup. Court
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6.10.90