



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

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## Brimble matter to be indicted *ex officio*

The Director of Public Prosecutions has directed that charges be laid *ex officio* against three people in relation to the death of Diane Brimble.

The charges and the accused are:

Mark Robin Wilhelm      Manslaughter  
Supply prohibited drug

Letterio Silvestri      Do act intending to pervert the course of justice  
*Alternatively:* hinder investigation of a serious indictable  
offence

Ryan Kuchel  
counts)      Do act intending to pervert the course of justice (2  
*Alternatively:* hinder investigation of a serious indictable  
offence (2 counts)

*Ex officio* indictments for these charges have been filed in New South Wales with the District Court [Silvestri and Kuchel] and will be sought in the Supreme Court [Wilhelm].

Because these offences are alleged to have been committed on a British ship in Australian (but not New South Wales) waters [Wilhelm] and in a foreign country [Silvestri and Kuchel] and also in Sydney [Kuchel], there were some jurisdictional issues that needed to be settled between the NSW DPP and the Commonwealth. This further delayed resolution of the matter by the NSW DPP.