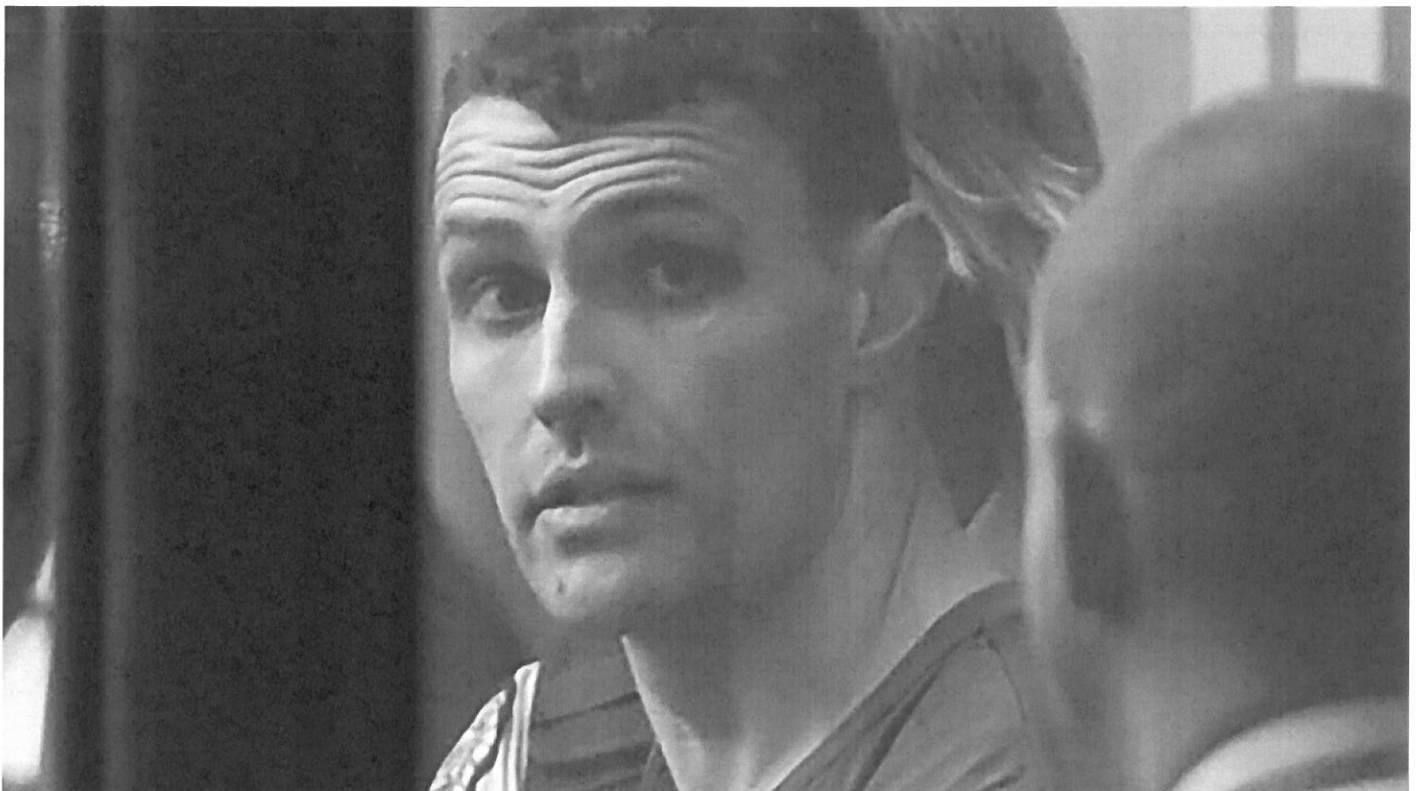




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# Rapist and killer Sean Price's Legal Aid appeal an 'affront to common sense'

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The prospect that the Victorian taxpayer could end up forking out for a "frivolous" appeal by rapist and murderer Sean Price has been slammed as an "affront to common sense" by a lawyer familiar with the case.

Price pleaded guilty to the 2015 rape and murder of 17-year-old Melbourne schoolgirl Masa Vukotic and the rape of another woman in a bookshop two days later, which he said he committed in order to "get his rocks off" before he went to prison.

More than a few eyebrows were raised this morning when it was reported that legal aid lawyer Mia Smithyman had told the County Court on Friday that funding was being considered that would allow Price to appeal the second rape charge.



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"If he is doing it for a forensic tactic to avoid a breach of a supervision order imposed upon him on or about 2012, even in the unlikely event that he wins his appeal on the rape count, it is won't save him from being breached on a supervision order because it doesn't vitiate the entire sentence imposed...

"It appears to me to be a complete waste of resources when legal Aid funding is scarce, and I can only hope that all those matters were taken into account by those advising him."

Price, who was sentenced to 38 years without parole in March last year, stabbed Miss Vukotic, who lived in Doncaster, 49 times, only to attack his second victim in a Christian bookstore in Sunshine two days later.



During the rape Price asked the victim, "where's your Jesus now?"

So violent was the assault Price told police that he thought he may have killed the victim.

"I realised she was fussing up too much and she was starting to change colours," he said.

"I was like, 'f---, not another one'."

Price will front court in June on over the breach of the supervision order.

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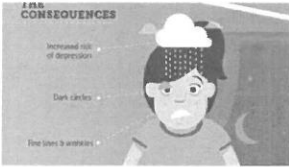
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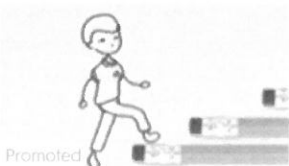
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