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Te Kāhui Tātari Ture | The Criminal Cases Review Commission has referred a fourth case to the appeal court.

After a six-month investigation the Commission found the police had charged a man for a set of offences from an incident in Epsom, Auckland that he did not commit. The charges were laid in amongst a number of similar incidents across Auckland that appeared identical. The man pleaded guilty to charges relating to the series of offending before realising offences relating to the Epsom incident, he maintained he did not commit had been included. He then made several denials of this offending that were ignored. The investigation by the Commission did not find any evidence that the man had committed the offences and concluded that he did not commit them.

During the course of the investigation, the Commission also uncovered concerns regarding the man's sentence of preventive detention which was imposed in relation to other offending.

The Commission has decided it is in the interests of justice to refer the convictions and sentence back to the relevant appeal courts.

**ENDS.**

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