

Timeline - Teina Pora case

Mr Pora was convicted in 1994, and again in 2000, of murder, sexual violation by rape and aggravated burglary in relation to the death of Susan Burdett in Papatoetoe in 1992. In 2015 the Privy Council quashed his convictions and did not order a retrial. An application for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment was lodged by Mr Pora on 13 April 2015.

| Date | Event |
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| 23 March 1992 | Ms Burdett is sexually violated and murdered in her home in Papatoetoe, Auckland |
| 6 April 1992 | Mr Pora is first interviewed by Police in relation to the death of Ms Burdett |
| 28 May 1992 | Mr Pora is again interviewed by Police in relation to the death of Ms Burdett |
| 18 March 1993 | Mr Pora is arrested on other charges |
| 18-21 March 1993 | Mr Pora is again interviewed by Police in relation to the death of Ms Burdett, and makes a series of statements as to his involvement in her death |
| 23 March 1993 | Mr Pora is charged with murder, sexual violation by rape and aggravated burglary in relation to the death of Ms Burdett |
| 7-15 June 1994 | Mr Pora's first trial. The jury finds him guilty on all charges |
| 1 July 1994 | Mr Pora is sentenced to life imprisonment |
| March–June 1998 | Mr Rewa is tried on multiple counts of sexual violation, including the sexual violation and murder of Ms Burdett. The jury cannot agree on a verdict in respect of the sexual violation and murder of Ms Burdett |
| December 1998 | Mr Rewa is again tried for the sexual violation and murder of Ms Burdett. The jury finds him guilty of sexual violation but again cannot agree on a verdict in respect of the murder charge |
| 18 October 1999 | The Court of Appeal quashes Mr Pora's convictions and orders a retrial |
| 20 March–6 April 2000 | Mr Pora's retrial. The jury finds him guilty on all charges |

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| 23 June 2000 | Mr Pora is sentenced to life imprisonment |
| 12 October 2000 | The Court of Appeal dismisses Mr Pora's appeal against his convictions |
| 2 September 2011 | Mr Pora applies to the Governor-General for the exercise of the Royal prerogative of mercy. His application is put on hold, first pending further submissions from the applicant, and subsequently pending appeal to the Privy Council |
| 20 August 2013 | Mr Pora seeks leave to appeal his convictions to the Privy Council |
| 31 January 2014 | The Privy Council grants Mr Pora leave to appeal his convictions |
| 4–5 November 2014 | The Privy Council hears Mr Pora's appeal |
| 3 March 2015 | The Privy Council quashes all Mr Pora's convictions relating to the death of Ms Burdett |
| 30 March 2015 | The Privy Council orders that Mr Pora is not to be retried |
| 13 April 2015 | Mr Pora applies to the Minister of Justice for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment |
| 4 June 2015 | The Minister of Justice appoints Hon Rodney Hansen CNZM QC to provide advice on Mr Pora's claim |
| 23 March 2016 | Mr Hansen advises that he is satisfied that Mr Pora has established his innocence on the balance of probabilities |
| 5 April 2016 | The Minister of Justice instructs Mr Hansen to provide advice on an appropriate amount of compensation for Mr Pora |
| 31 May 2016 | Mr Hansen advises that Mr Pora should receive \$2,520,949.42 as compensation for his wrongful conviction and imprisonment in terms of the guidelines |
| 15 June 2016 | Government makes offer of compensation |