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Cyrus Shroff has a busy practice in both defence and prosecution (Grade 4) work. He covers all aspects of serious crime, including murder, rape, drug offences, serious violence, proceeds of crime, as well as road traffic and various more isolated areas such as bigamy. Cyrus has a particular aptitude for serious cases of a violent or sexual nature.

He is regularly instructed in the youth court to deal with serious sexual allegations.

Crime

Recent Cases

- **R V TL (2017)** defending historic sexual abuse by teacher. Proceedings stayed after abuse argument.
- **R V DL (2017)** defending being in possession of explosive substances.
- **R V KC (2017)** prosecuting rape in youth court.
- **R V PU (2017)** defending in 5 handed conspiracy to evade excise duty in excess of £1m.
- **R V RC (2017)** prosecuting rape on 10 year old brother of defendant in youth court.
- **R V MT (2016)** prosecuting 15 year old for rapes on 6 and 8 year olds.
- **R V DP (2016)** prosecuting historic rape of complainant who suffered from severe alcohol dependency.
- **R V AF (2016)** defending blackmail upon his brother.
- **R V HS (2016)** defending 19 year old charged with sexual activity with a girl under 16.
- **R V H-A (2016)** advising CPS that initial charges were insufficient. Pleaded guilty to new indictment.
- **R V JK (2016)** written advice to CPS during trial that evidence compromised to extent that case should no longer continue. Judge stated the decision was correct in the circumstances.
- **R V MJ (2016)** prosecuting rape where complainant unable to consent through drink.

- **R v PM (2016)** defending in historic sexual allegation upon daughter.
- **R v RM (2016)** prosecuting father for voyeurism on daughter.
- **R v SC (2016)** defending autistic defendant (with severe cognitive difficulties) where prosecution agreed to no longer proceed after hearing from defence psychiatrist.
- **R v RW (2015)** defending sex assaults on under 13 niece.
- **R v MW (2015)** defending serious sexual allegations.
- **R v JL (2014)** defending rape in youth court. Prosecution offer no evidence after argument on disclosure.

Historic Cases

- **R v LB** defending murder where the defendant had made full admissions in interview: during trial Crown agreed to accept a plea to manslaughter.
- **R v DP and WR** prosecuting a cut-throat murder: successfully resisted appeal by one defendant.
- **R v BH** defending domestic murder of his partner of 11 years. During the trial it emerged that BH had taken photographs of the deceased after death.
- **R v M and others** Multi-handed murder trial of a reclusive victim killed by two teenagers: death by multiple injuries. One teenager found guilty of murder, another of manslaughter; two others acquitted.
- **R v F** successful prosecution murder of girlfriend by strangulation, and two counts rape and one of assault.
- **R v R and others** prosecution of complicated murder and stabbing. Defendant acquitted of murder but convicted of manslaughter after the court found he acted in self-defence. Another defendant was convicted of assisting R by driving him from the scene of the killing. R's appeal was later successfully resisted.
- **R v AH** prosecuting an attempted murder where the victim initially stated he could not name his attacker. Prior to the trial he informed the police that the defendant was not his assailant. The defendant was convicted of s18 wounding.
- **R v MH** defending a s18 stabbing. Persuaded Crown to accept plea to s.20.
- **R v MD** defending in arson with intent where the defendant had set fire to his friend with life threatening injuries. Successfully argued severance of identical offence on 2 males he did not know that occurred 4 days later.
- **R v RD & GO** prosecuting a s18 wounding originally against 4 defendants. 3 pleaded guilty, one of whom agreed to give evidence against a defendant who had not been charged. Convictions against the remaining two.
- **R v Anthony Jeffrey** [2006] EWHC 1377 (Admin) This case related to the issue of service of the certificate of analysis in an excess alcohol case. Successfully argued that the District Judge was entitled to infer from the peculiar circumstances of the case that service had been effected.
- **R v GF** defending death by dangerous driving, complicated by the defendant's epilepsy.

Other serious historic cases include:

- Neglect in a care home [Rahman]: successful prosecution of a care assistant who had maltreated and assaulted very elderly dementia patients.
- Prosecuted a senior police officer who had sent indecent images to a child.
- Successfully defended a s.18 with a knife where the defendant absconded after he had given evidence and the trial continued in his absence.
- Successfully prosecuted historic sexual offences case that crossed the two statutes and various ages for the complainants. A 23 count indictment required careful drafting and amending once evidence had been given.
- Successfully prosecuted a rape where the crown alleged that the defendant had drugged the complainant.
- Successfully defended a vulnerable defendant who had allegedly sexually abused his niece. This required very sensitive examination in chief of the defendant who had the assistance of an intermediary.
- Detailed advice on defence psychiatric evidence of historic sexual abuse of a 5-6 year old boy by a defendant with a mental age of 9-12 at the time. Eventually, the psychiatrist was called on a preliminary hearing and the Crown offered no evidence.

Education

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The Council of Legal Education, Inns of Court School of Law

Memberships

South-Eastern Circuit