

Decision in Warwick Trial
23 July 2020

The law has taken its course and Leonard Warwick has been found guilty of murder. His malevolent violence against the Family Court and those connected with it destroyed many lives, and caused deep grief and irreparable harm to his victims, their families and to many of us in the Court. We were deeply shocked and grieved in 1980 when he shot Justice David Opas, and again in 1984 when Justices Richard Gee and Ray Watson were badly injured and Pearl Watson killed by Warwick's bombs.

The families of David Opas, Pearl Watson and the other victims of Warwick's violence must have some sense of relief now that he has been brought to justice. However, none of us who have been so deeply affected by his crimes can ever forget those who were his victims. Nothing can repair the grave harms he has caused to so many.

I would like to thank the Police for their perseverance in the investigation of these cases.

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