

IN THE CROWN COURT AT WOOLWICH.

BETWEEN:

R

V

CORDELL

ATTENDANCE NOTE OF HEARING ON 10TH JULY 2013.

1. Matter was listed for preliminary hearing. Attended client on bail who confirmed his commitments re his business. I advised client that the prosecutor had not received the bail notice and was in any event against the variation. I informed client what would be happening today.

IN COURT.

Coram: HHJ Dawson

Contra: Mr McKinley.

The judge raised a point about the surety not being at court to confirm her position. The judge was informed surety in hospital and does not need to attend as the surety is continuous. The judge did not agree and said as the surety was taken at the police station she would need to attend court to confirm her position as surety. This is wrong and despite me putting a relevant authority *Choudhry v Birmingham Crown Court* before the court which is clear on the point the judge refused to accept it and said client has escaped custody by "the skin of his teeth" and he would not entertain any application to vary bail. Client addressed the judge directly but the judge was adamant.

DIRECTIONS:

7th August – disclosure

4th September – PCMH and DCS

16th December – W/L

Clients bail is as before EXCEPT NO SURETY.

Travel 30 miles.

Jay