staple

## If the language

If the language were of death, would you better understand the need for careful measurement, retention of a solemn respectful tone, the decency of boxing it in and laying it down; the red-eyed need for stone memorials with proliferate moss overgrowing the text?

Or, say the language were of sex rather than of law, would you better comprehend the passionate compression and timeless ritual of the essential exchange, the rising quest for satisfaction; rhythmic moans, intensity of bondage, stifling control, ramping tension and euphoric release of another miracle of everyday transaction?

And what if the language were of poetry, my friend, would law turn to its arms and seek to be buried there forevermore? Socrates would have us question fog fog fog fog fog fog fog the fog until its particulate g fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog nature is objectively revealed, og fog fog fog fog fog fog fog as if naming the unknown, g fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog quietude can descend, og fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog a recompense for having moved one damp a fog fog fog fog fog step more into the mist. fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog

INFORMATION

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DISTRICT COURT MANUKAU

WHERE DEFENDANT IS TO BE PROCEEDED AGAINST SUMMARILY and CRIMINAL RECORD CRN 808029178364

JASON PORTSMOUTH BUTTON 51 HALCYON STREET PAKURANGA MANUKAU CITY 2102

PRN 2494949405 TNO SEX MALE Date of Birth DOB 23/9/68 Country of Birth COB New Zealand Occupation OCC Solicitor Race RAC C LIC. No. AB81070703 Type of Case TOC ARREST Licence issued or renewed by

WILFRED PETER BISHOP CONSTABLE

of MANUKAU say on oath that I have just cause to suspect and do suspect that

JASON PORTSMOUTH BUTTON ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009

AT PAKURANGA,

did commit an offence against

CRIMES ACT 1961 SECTION 202C ASSAULTED VERITY CHARLOTTE BUTTON USING A STAPLER AS A WEAPON

in that he

RECORD OF HEARING

Solicitor appearing: Pembridge QC		
Remand or Adjn. Dates	Plea	Decision:
16 FEB 2009		RWOPOB 5.3.09
		1. Reside above
		2. Not offer viol to compl
		A J Vercoe DCJ
5 MAR 2009		Pembridge
ESJ	NG	RBTC 23.3.09
		Jennifer Grocott DCJ

being an offence punishable summarily

SID 1493

Informant

DATE OF HEARING:

MONDAY THE

16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009 AT 9:00 AM District Court MANUKAU

Sworn before me at MANUKAU

This 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009

Justice of the Peace (Deputy) Registrar (Not being a Constable)

## Appearance

The dice await
me, the words
roll. Each face
a crown hope
dips. A dozen
inferent arrows sent
presumption sleeps
her ignorant sleep.
The sheepish rush
from contemplation to
condemnation brings

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blank falls, my arrow hurtles home. What is cast connotes my guilt. I'd swear my wager fixed. staple

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## An order is sought for the destruction of the stapler

The athlete takes up position in the apparatus, prepared for several circuits. Tension cranked up, the pain of those late extensions can be anticipated already, and it's only ten o'clock.

The press bench empties after one murder; eleven men beat their partners; fifteen men and women drive drunk, one injures a passenger; methamphetamine, indecency, cannabis, methamphetamine again; two benefit fraudsters; then a cheque fraudster with forty-seven charges, forty-seven informations, forty-seven repetitive notations to make; defended bails, and it's lunch-time already.

The athlete checks with the trainer: how many still to go? Thirty-two. But there were twenty-nine at ten and we've done heaps more than that. OK, a special Police operation so we'll be here until six, maybe longer. Could top ninety today.

We are on the river now: the mind must assess each stroke; the arm reach in each case, dip for the law, pull powerfully, cleanly. The river maintains a placid surface, seemingly serene in relentless flow, while the athlete sweats at the sculls, exercising the iron craft, evenly, evenly, achingly, to day's end.