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DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

MOSSMAN COURT CASE.

MOSSMAN, May 14

"In cases like this, negligence of a high order must be proved before such negligence could be classed as criminal negligence. In this case I don't think sufficient evidence has been placed before me to prove such a circumstance. The defendant is therefore discharged," said the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. T. B. Dwyer, in the Mossman Court of Petty Sessions on May 11, after hearing the case whereby Keith Craven was charged with unlawfully killing the child, Edward Frederick Johnston, on November 4.

Reviewing the evidence, the Magistrate cited the finding of the City Coroner, in a recent metropolitan case, and added, "it would be most unusual for any motorist when driving round a corner to expect to meet a small child on a tricycle. The defendant told the truth to the constable concerning the speed at which he was travelling—20 to 25 miles per hour."

Mr. J. Bennett Cairns, appeared for the defendant, and Sub-Inspector Elford prosecuted. An inspection of the scene was made by the Magistrate and Court.

Constable P. F. Argus gave evidence of a conversation he had with defendant on November 4, 1943, when the child was killed, and gave measurements of distance, respecting visibility