

**Extemporary judgement in response to Mr. Eamon Leahy's
S.C. submission**

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Well Mr. Leahy, to give you an extemporary answer in the light of the fact that I have already gone into a matter of law, I think and I hope I am correct in my recollection that, I think it was the English House of Lords, the House of Lords in England, said, and I can't actually remember where the phrase comes from; that regard should not be had to any evidence. I beg your pardon, regard should not be had to any hearsay evidence unless you can anchor it to a piece of primary evidence. Anchor it or connect it closely with a piece of primary evidence. In other words, it may be some degree, some and I emphasise the word "some" degree of corroboration of a piece of direct testimony of a witnesses own knowledge.

What I am saying to you is this; circumstances could arise where it could act as a degree, a very minor degree of corroboration together with circumstantial evidence.