

Long haul for judge

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The judge in the Walsham murder trial admitted to a Freudian slip last week when he released a witness before the man had been cross-examined.

"It's a combination of wishful thinking and 33 days of sitting," Justice Eric Heenan told the Supreme Court. "I will try not to do it again."

When the jury was sworn in on March 1, members were told the trial, the second, was due to last six weeks.

Jurors were asked last week whether they would agree to sit for an extra half-day on Friday, April 28. They agreed.