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I'm here at the Dunsdale Courtroom where the jury has just returned the verdict in the trial of Ryan McGregor. Mr McGregor has been found not guilty of all the charges he was facing. The first shock came on the first day of the trial when the charges were put to Mr McGregor, everyone was expecting him to plead guilty but he surprised us all when pleading not guilty to everything.

Mr McGregor's son, Callum, was next to take to the stand and he denied all involvement with the Liberation Militia. The prosecution then showed video evidence of Callum clearly fleeing the shopping centre minutes before the bomb went off, he was running from The Cuckoo's Egg Café with a girl who we later found out was Persephone Hadley, daughter of politician Kamal Hadley. He insisted that he needed to show Miss Handley something outside and that is why they were leaving in such a hurry. Miss Hadley later confirmed that this was true.

The defendant's lawyer, the world renowned Kelani Adams, managed to turn things around for Mr McGregor when she produced a witness who had seen everything that had happened in the café and he too corroborated the story that Callum and Miss Hadley were leaving to see something outside. This has been an extraordinary trial and we certainly didn't anticipate this outcome. But now the question that remains is, 'who planted the Dunsdale Shopping Centre bomb and when will justice prevail?