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DEPUTY BAILIFF: We have come to the reluctant conclusion that because the Assistant Magistrate found that the appellant did drink from the bottle and did so in good faith, there is insufficient weight of evidence left to sustain a conviction. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed and the conviction quashed.

Well, we have considered that and we are not minded to grant your client's costs in this case. It's not legal aid, is it? No, we might well have come to a different conclusion to the Magistrate about the good faith aspect of the matter and we do not feel your client is entitled to his costs. We therefore make no order.