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- Confessions Case Law Use of Statement What the Jury May Consider – Where the statement forms part of the evidence and the defendant testifies, the trier of fact may not use matches between the accused's prior statement and his testimony to find that the statement corroborates the testimony; but the trier of fact can consider the exculpatory parts of the statement and the testimony to see whether either raises a reasonable doubt. *R. v. Bagherzadeh*, 2023 CarswellOnt 16340, 2023 ONCA 706.
- Arrest and Detention Case Law Arrest without Warrant Sufficiency of Grounds – The judge who reviews the reasonableness of an officer's beliefs is not restricted to the information and observations that the officer articulates as the ones which established those beliefs. The judge may consider all of the information known to the officer at the time. *R. v. Fyfe*, 2023 CarswellOnt 16433, 2023 ONCA 715.

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