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Tauranga Crown Solicitor, Greg Hollister-Jones, advises that, following Mr Rudd's appearance in the Tauranga District Court yesterday, the Crown Solicitor's office became responsible for the prosecution of Mr Rudd. This is the usual course in relation to matters of this kind.

The file was obtained today and reviewed. Mr Hollister-Jones made the decision that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with the charge of attempting to procure murder. The police and counsel for Mr Rudd were advised of the decision and a notice withdrawing the charge has been filed with the High Court.

No further comment can be made because there are three other charges before the court.