

Damages allowed for false arrest

MELBOURNE— A Supreme Court jury yesterday awarded a constable £300 damages for technical assault and false imprisonment by a police inspector. The jury took two hours to decide in favor of Constable John William Shelley, formerly stationed at Port Melbourne.

Shelley was escorted from his home to Russell Street police headquarters and interrogated by police after a woman prisoner claimed he had raped her in a cell at Port Melbourne police station.

Later the woman admitted to officers investigating the complaint that she had fabricated the story.

In his defence, Stanley David Ewart, the inspector, claimed he was legally entitled to detain Shelley for questioning. He said he had good reason at the time to believe Shelley was implicated, and that the woman's complaint was genuine.

BRISBANE. — In Central Criminal Court yesterday Robert William Cloy (24), truck driver, was sentenced to 10 years' gaol for the rape of a 76-year-old woman.