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CORROBORATION OF CONFESSION

Evidence has been introduced that the defendant made a confession concerning the crime charged. A confession by the defendant standing alone is not enough for a verdict of guilty. There must be substantial independent evidence indicating that the confession of the defendant is true. This does not mean that the State must prove the elements of the crime by evidence independent of the confession. Rather there must be sufficient independent corroboration to indicate that the confession is trustworthy.

State v. George, 109 N.H. 531 (1969)

State v. Hanley, 116 N.H. 235 (1976)

State v. Zysk, 123 N.H. 481 (1983)