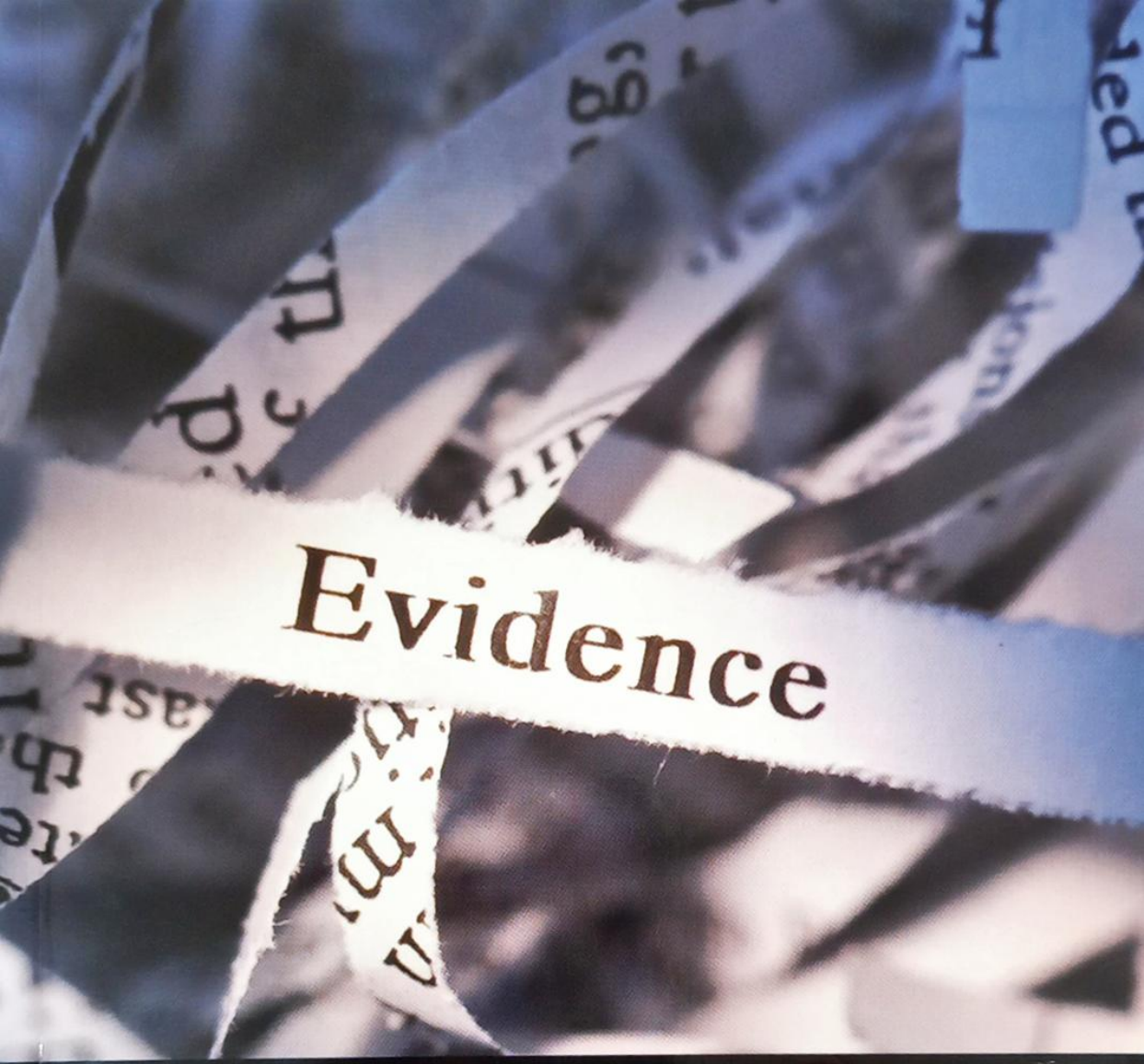

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USED IN EVIDENCE[1]

In the 1970s, many new houses and apartments were built in Dublin. In some parts of the city, the old houses were very bad. Dublin City Council[2] knocked down[3] these bad homes. The council built new houses and apartments for the people who lived in the old houses.

The worst houses were in Mayo Road. These houses were more than a hundred years old. Rain came in through the roofs. The walls were damp. People did not want to live in these old buildings any more.

In 1978, Dublin City Council built some new apartments near Mayo Road. The City Council bought the old houses in the road from their owners. The people moved out of their old houses and into the new apartments. Council workmen started to knock down the old buildings. The council was going to build a new shopping centre with a large car park in Mayo Road.

The council knocked down all the houses in Mayo Road – except one. One old man did not want to move out of his home. The council sent him many letters, but he refused to leave. At last, the council asked the police to help them. They asked the police to get the old man out of his house.

It was nine o'clock on a wet November morning. The sky was grey and the rain was falling heavily. The rain fell on the building site[4] where the houses of Mayo Road had stood. The rain fell on the tarmac[5] of the road and it fell on the only house which remained – Number 38.

A police car came along Mayo Road. There were two

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