

Nazi asks for lighter sentence Tattoos could provoke

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A WHITE supremacist should be given a lighter jail sentence for stabbing a man because his tattoo-covered body put him at risk of attack behind bars, a court heard yesterday.

A barrister representing Patrick John O'Sullivan told the County Court his client's body was covered in the most provocative material.

O'Sullivan says he is the Victorian leader of the Church of the Creator, which promotes pro-white racial hatred.

On O'Sullivan's knuckles is tattooed "nazi" while among the tattoos on his body is one that says "rahowa", which stands for racial holy war.

The court this week heard O'Sullivan had been at a tattoo awards night in May 1999 before going to a party in Fitzroy.

There, he was approached by a reformed skinhead who started talking to him about nazism.

The man challenged O'Sullivan as to how he could claim to be a nazi when he did not have a Germanic name or any German blood.

O'Sullivan, 31, then either headbutted or punched the victim before he stabbed him in the abdomen.

O'Sullivan, who pleaded not guilty to intentionally causing serious injury and intentionally causing injury, denied the offences but was found guilty by a jury.

Yesterday, O'Sullivan's counsel, David McKenzie, told Judge Bill White his client was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the assault.

Mr McKenzie asked Judge White to take into account the hardship O'Sullivan would endure in prison because of his views and his tattoos.

Judge White remanded O'Sullivan, of North Melbourne, in custody for sentencing next week.

Caption: Photo Patrick John O'Sullivan

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