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**R v Wilson [2007] Crim LR [2008] 138**

A 13 year old boy who had assisted his father to murder a woman by complying with his father's instructions to fetch an axe knowing that his father intended to kill, and by kicking and hitting the deceased with a metal pole was convicted of murder. On appeal he argued that his conduct was that of an immature child being swept along by events of extreme horror or unbelievable violence and therefore his mind had not been with his actions. In essence, it amounted to a defence of lack of intent but duress had also been argued at his trial. The CA rejected the appeal. There is no defence to murder for a frightened 13 year old boy complying with his father's instructions