

17th December, 1985

Royal Court (Superior Number)

Her Majesty's Attorney General

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George Edward Piggott and David Ronald Piggott

DEPUTY BAILIFF: The Court has read all the papers which were submitted to us, particularly the letters from your wife, David Piggott and your own letter, and also your letter, George Piggott, and we've taken all the matters into account which you have mentioned in those letters. We are sorry that you find yourselves here, because you were endeavouring, after very bad records both of you, to try to change your way of life.

Unfortunately, you both succumbed to temptation. We have no doubt that the Attorney General was right when he outlined the facts as he put them before us, that this was a matter which had a measure of premeditation and planning, but because we think that the instigation must have been from you, George Piggott to your son, we are going to accede to his counsel's request to a minor degree, but to indicate not only that we think that you were the instigator of this offence, and therefore that should be shown in the difference between the sentences, but also to extend to your son a slight indication that we hope that when he comes out, this will be the last time that he will offend, and we are therefore going to make the sentence in respect of Count 3 concurrent and not consecutive; otherwise we are going to grant the conclusions, though it must be said quite clearly by this Court, that violence of this sort, larceny carried out in this way, is something that this Island does not want and will not tolerate.

Having said that, the Court is unanimous in recommending, and I join with their recommendations most warmly, the public who took part in what happened there, and prevented George Piggott from escaping. We commend particularly the Post Office employee, Mr. Guy, and Mr. Sangan and also of course all the other members of the public and the lady who took the number of the car. We think that their conduct was most praiseworthy, and Mr. Attorney, perhaps you would be kind enough to convey the Court's feelings to the persons concerned - Mr Heath as well - and therefore George Piggott, you are sentenced to a total of three years and David Piggott to a total of two years.