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10th January, 1986.

A.G. -v- Douglas Thomson Aird.

**BAILIFF:** "Self-induced drunkenness<sup>is</sup> is not an excuse for a criminal offence. In fact ~~in~~<sup>h</sup> some occasions it aggravates it. The wielding of an offensive weapon as this undoubtedly was and a very nasty looking weapon it is, in a public place, in the manner it was wielded, not only frightened Mr. Shear - it terrified him in fact - but it also is sufficiently serious to cause a number of passers by great concern so that one of them telephoned the police. Having regard to all the circumstances and in spite of everything that has been said by your counsel, who advanced every argument he could on your behalf, we are satisfied that the conclusions asked for by H.M. Solicitor General are right and proper. You are sentenced to 9 months.

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