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A.G. -v- Stephen Gerard Amy

BAILIFF: Amy, you have a number of reasons to be grateful to the circumstances which have enabled us to impose a sentence different to that asked for by the Attorney General. Not because, in general terms, we do not think a prison sentence is merited, but because you were not presented at the same time as all the other accused which in our view would have been preferable. It would have been preferable if you had been dealt with at the same time as far as possible and because that makes it difficult for another Court in sentencing when a Court of a different jurisdiction has dealt with a co-accused in a way differently, perhaps than we would have done. But having also regard to the particular circumstances of this case, we feel we may impose an individual sentence and that we cannot agree with your counsel that it should be merely a fine. We are going to place you on probation for 2 years and impose a sentence - the maximum we can do - of 120 Community Service hours. Furthermore, the drugs will be destroyed but because we are satisfied that your scales were given to you by your wife, we accept that, for purposes quite unconnected with drugs, the scales may be returned to you for your scientific work and we hope you have learnt your lesson because if you have not and indulge again in drugs, you must expect a prison sentence next time. So far as the statement made, if it is correct, I say this, of counsel in the lower Court, that supplying drugs to friends is no more than going next door and asking for a pound of sugar - that statement is to be deplored.