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**Her Majesty's Attorney -v- John Joseph O'Brien**

**DEPUTY BAILIFF:** In the circumstances of this case the disqualification was correct in principle. The appellant was convicted of dangerous driving as recently as the 14th March, 1985, he was fined and his licence was endorsed. The endorsement continues in force for a period of three years and must be taken into account in deciding upon sentence at any time during that three year period. This offence occurred on the 14th September, eighteen months to the day, of the endorsement. The only question therefore is whether three months was manifestly excessive for an Article 15 offence. The Court thinks that it is not. The appellant is a taxi-driver who has a special duty of care. A deterrant sentence was justified, particularly having regard to the fact that he had the previous conviction eighteen months to the day before the present offence. The appeal is therefore dismissed.

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