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15th December, 1986

Her Majesty's Attorney General -v- Archibald Campbell

DEPUTY BAILIFF: The Court can deal with this matter only on the basis of the guilty plea. There are no grounds, or no sufficient grounds for quashing the conviction and ordering a re-trial. If there has been a fault in the past, it is that the appellant has been treated much too leniently by the Police Court. The appellant is a public nuisance, the Court has counted one hundred previous convictions for being drunk and incapable, and this ignores convictions for being drunk and disorderly and for petty dishonesty. Twice before, the appellant has been sentenced to the identical sentence of four months imprisonment, one of those by the Royal Court, and therefore it cannot be regarded as manifestly excessive to repeat and not increase that term. The appellant has been very fortunate that the sentence imposed has not gradually increased to the maximum of the Police Court's powers of six months imprisonment. There have to be strong reasons to grant an extension of time in which to appeal and we do not find those reasons to exist. We therefore dismiss the application for an extension of time in which to appeal and Mr. Begg, we make an order for you to receive your legal aid costs.

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