

POLICE COURT

2nd February, 1987

Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

Rosemary Venetia Surcouf

DEPUTY BAILIFF: Everything that I have just said in relation to the case of Le Monnier applies equally well here.

If anything this is a more serious case because the record of previous convictions is even worse and she had been in Court as recently as two days earlier. Despite Mr. Whelan's excellent plea we must look at the record as a whole, and the original offence can properly be dealt with more severely than the Magistrate originally indicated, where the Order has been twice breached in a very short period.

Society has to be protected from people like Surcouf and if imprisonment is the only way of achieving this, then so be it.

How the appellant can say on her notice of appeal that she has been out of trouble for a long time when she was convicted 48 hours earlier and six times in 1986 is beyond comprehension.

It is for the Court to enforce the Law within the facilities provided, and it is a matter for the States whether alternative facilities should be provided for drunks.

The appeal is dismissed.

Advocate Whelan will have his legal aid costs.