

20th March, 1987

ROYAL COURT

Before the Bailiff assisted by Jurats Myles and Hamon

Attorney General

-v-

Criterion Restaurant Limited  
& Stephen John Watts

Judgment

**BAILIFF:** We do of course agree that there is a shortage of accommodation of this nature, but it is accessible only through a restaurant, it is a quasi business occupancy, but of course the defendant was quite wrong to do what he did.

Nevertheless, we accept that in some respects it was not totally deliberate - it was a yielding to business pressure and he did not occupy the accommodation for very long. Having said that it is still an offence and the penalty should reflect the facts of this particular case. We think under the circumstances that the right amount to fine each of the parties is in respect of the first defendant - £750 and £150 costs; and equally the second defendant - £750 or 2 months' and £150 costs.

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