

COURT OF APPEAL

23rd September, 1987

Before: Sir Godfray Le Quesne, Q.C., (President)
The Deputy Bailiff
Robert Donald Harman, Esq., Q.C.

Appeal of David George Wilkinson
against the sentence imposed on him
by the Royal Court (Superior Number)
on the 9th April, 1987.

Advocate C. E. Whelan on behalf of the Attorney General
Advocate D. E. Le Cornu for the Appellant.

JUDGMENT

The President: We have given careful consideration to everything which has been said to us in this case. Having done so we find ourselves sharing entirely the view of the Royal Court that this was a very serious offence which called inevitably for serious treatment.

In spite of the matters which have been urged upon us by Mr Le Cornu, who has said everything which could be said on his client's behalf, we think it quite impossible to say that the sentence passed by the Royal Court was excessive and the appeal must therefore be dismissed.

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