

ROYAL COURT

1st June, 1988

Before: the Bailiff,  
assisted by  
Jurats Vint, Lucas, Le Boutillier and Hamon

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Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

Rickie Michael Tregaskis

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Sentence given in respect of  
contempt of Court committed  
on the 10th May, 1988, when  
appearing as witness in  
criminal proceedings

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Advocate G.R. Boxall for the Accused

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**JUDGMENT**

**BAILIFF:** When witnesses are summoned before the Royal Court, or indeed, any Court in this jurisdiction to give evidence, it is their duty to do so and if they refuse to do so for whatever reason, they are in contempt of the Court and the Court must mark its displeasure by imposing a sentence, but of course that sentence will vary depending on the circumstances.

Tregaskis, you are a young man and you have not yet learned that when you make a statement that you are prepared to give evidence, you must assist the Court and if you are not prepared to do so, that is contempt of Court which we cannot have. But, having regard to your background and everything your counsel has said, we are going to impose a modest sentence; you are sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment.