

ROYAL COURT  
(Poursuites Criminelles)

16th June, 1989

Before: The Bailiff and  
Jurats Myles and Le Ruez

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Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

David Paul Skelhorn

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Breaking and entering  
and larceny (1 count).

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Advocate C.E. Whelan, Crown Advocate  
Advocate T.J. Le Cocq for the accused

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**JUDGMENT**

THE BAILIFF: It is perfectly true that one can draw conclusions from an deprived background and can exercise compassion & take into account that many people have not the advantages which so many of us have, but at the same time there comes a stage when that no longer applies. People who come to this Island and within 24 hours or so break in to a dwelling house and steal from it are committing serious offences and they will learn that this Court is not going to tolerate that type of behaviour at all. We cannot find that the

length of this particular sentence asked for today is in any way excessive.

We have looked at the cases referred to and we are in full agreement with what the learned judge said in Murdoch and Others (1981) Cr. App. R. (S) 142 at p.143. I will remind you of what he said:

"" .... you three young men are typical of many who are in these days causing great loss, fear and concern to householders in this and other areas". (Well fortunately, there is not a spate at the moment in Jersey, but there has been). "You decided to enrich yourselves by house burglary. That is a very serious matter and you must be dealt with accordingly. Let the word go out to all young men like you with your tendencies; let them know that, if they do what you did, they are likely to get what you are about to get".

You are sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

### Authorities

A.G. -v- Aubin (1987/88) JLR N.6.

Murdoch and Others (1981) Cr. App. R. (S) 142 at p.143.