

ROYAL COURT

18th October, 1991

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Before: The Bailiff, and  
Jurats Bonn, Le Ruez and Herbert

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Attorney General

- v -

Dean Gary Marie

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Accused sentenced in respect of failure  
to appear as a witness in a  
Criminal Assize

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The Attorney General;  
Advocate Mrs. S.A. Pearmain for the accused.

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**JUDGMENT**

BAILIFF: Marie, you were a very important witness or might have been in the recent Assize case. It is essential that persons who are witnesses in criminal trials should attend and if there are problems about their safety then arrangements should be made, however difficult that may be, that they should be protected from threats and not deterred from giving their

evidence. The interests of justice require that just as much as that every witness should attend.

I have no doubt that you had certain reasons but I do not think they were reasonable. You may not have been friendly with the police but you could have asked them about it. You went missing on the Monday morning when you knew you were an important witness, indeed almost a vital witness - I say no more about that.

You are fined £200 or in default three weeks' imprisonment.

No authorities.