

ROYAL COURT

152.

21st August, 1992

Before: The Bailiff, and
Jurats Blampied and Le Ruez

The Attorney General

- v -

Colin Joseph James

2 Counts of Illegal Entry and Larceny.

AGE: 21.

PLEA: Guilty.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

Walked into occupied flat in town and took various items of jewellery to the value of £1,500. When disturbed by occupant, ran off, with jewellery, most of which he later sold for £110. Later the same day climbed scaffolding and entered flat by open window. Owner was at home, ill, and asleep, having taken painkillers. James stole jewellery, to the value of £3,500. Tried to escape when arrested by police. Initially very uncooperative.

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

Unfortunate background. Heroin addict from the age of 17. Stole to finance heroin addiction.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Several, including four for burglary or attempted burglary.

CONCLUSIONS:

2 years on each count, concurrent.

SENTENCING AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

Gives no pleasure to give substantial sentence to relatively young man - but he came over from England and within 24 hours had committed thefts to finance drug habit. Conclusions granted.

Miss S.C. Nicolle, Crown Advocate.
Advocate Mrs. N. Davies for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: It does not give the Court any pleasure to give a fairly substantial sentence to a young man. However, you came over here and within 24 hours you were illegally entering into premises and stealing to support your drug habit.

The Crown has taken into account all the matters that it should in mitigation and after distinguishing between your case and that of A.G. -v- Marie (11th June, 1992) Jersey Unreported, the conclusions are granted. You are sentenced to two years' imprisonment, concurrent, on each count.

Authorities

A.G. -v- Marie (11th June, 1992) Jersey Unreported.