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ROYAL COURT
(Superior Number)

138.

19th October, 1993

Before: The Hon. J.A.G. Coutanche, Lieutenant Bailiff,
and Jurats Blampied, Myles, Bonn, Orchard, Le Ruez,
Herbert and Rumfitt.

The Attorney General

- v -

Leonard William Watkins

Sentencing, following guilty pleas before the Inferior Number, on 10th September, 1993, to:

- 1 count of supplying a controlled drug (cannabis resin), contrary to Article 5 of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978, (count 1 of the Indictment);
- 1 count of possession of a controlled drug (cannabis resin) with intent to supply it to another, contrary to Article 6(2) of the said Law (count 2); and
- 1 count of possession of a controlled drug (cannabis resin), contrary to Article 6(1) of the said Law (count 3).

CONCLUSIONS:

Count 1 & 2 : 3 years imprisonment, concurrent.
Count 3 : 3 months' imprisonment, concurrent.

SENTENCE OF THE COURT:

Counts 1,2 : 2 years' imprisonment, concurrent.
Count 3 : 3 months' imprisonment, concurrent.

S.C.K. Pallot, Esq., Crown Advocate.
Advocate S.A. Meiklejohn for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE LIEUTENANT BAILIFF: The Court has decided that a custodial sentence is essential, but takes no pleasure in sending the accused to prison. We have noted your admissions, but this cooperation was given only after the police search and the police dog had found the 9 oz. bars. We have also noted your guilty plea. There are several previous convictions for drug offences, but we have also taken into account the fact that the last five years have been completely free of offending.

We have been impressed by your otherwise very good character, hard work, and the fact that in your 30's you have completed a City and Guilds course which is to your credit. You had a responsible job in the Parish as foreman and were willing to help others.

We regard this as an exceptional case; because of the testimonials we have heard and the many things your advocate has told us about you, we have decided by a majority to reduce the conclusions. However, the Court hopes very much that you will not appear before us again.

Therefore, on count 1, you are sentenced to two years' imprisonment; on count 2, you are sentenced to two years' imprisonment; on count 3, you are sentenced to three months' imprisonment, all to run concurrently, which makes a total of two years' imprisonment. We order the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs and make a confiscation Order for £1,800.

Authorities

A.G. -v- Bowman (25th January, 1991) Jersey Unreported.

A.G. -v- Douglas (31st January, 1992) Jersey Unreported.

A.G. -v- Cash (27th March, 1992) Jersey Unreported.

Rawlinson -v- A.G. (19th January, 1993) Jersey Unreported C.of.A.

A.G. -v- McConnachie (26th March, 1993) Jersey Unreported.

A.G. -v- Duffy & Ors. (9th August, 1993) Jersey Unreported.