

10th January, 1986.

A.G. -v- Richard Stewart Dickie
and
Carole Ann Dickie, nee Taylor.

BAILIFF: "Under all the circumstances, Mr. Mourant, we are going to impose a fine - not the amount asked for by the Solicitor General but a sufficiently substantial fine to reflect the fact that we think that this is not just a case of carelessness, it was a complete disregard of obligations under the Housing Law, very clear conditions are imposed and furthermore they were effecting these arrangements - admittedly, we accept that it was not a gold mine for them - but they were effecting these arrangements at the very time that they were enjoying the subsidised rental from the Housing Committee and we cannot overlook that. But you have made a number of points which we have taken carefully into account, particularly their ability to pay and the time which they need to pay. We also note that the property is on the market and we think it has a certain capital value which should, we hope, leave something over for your client and therefore we are going to fine each of them £250 on each of the charges making a total of £1,000 each or in default 4 weeks and £200 costs jointly and severally. They are to commence paying the fine at the rate of £20 per week, jointly and severally - I take it you meant £20 per week between the two..... The first payment to be one week from today and the balance is to be paid within 6 months. So they will go on paying until they can sell it and pay the balance.