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Before V.A. Tomes, Esq., Deputy Bailiff
Hon. J.A.G. Coutanche,
C.L. Gruchy, Esq.,

A.G. -v- N
The Attorney General
Adv. W.J. Bailhache for the Accused

Judgment

The Deputy Bailiff: We are going to grant the conclusions and place N on probation. But, N, we want you to know that you have come perilously close to a prison sentence. We are appalled at the kind of behaviour that happened in this case. To jab an innocent child with a lighted cigarette - and you admit to having done so on four occasions - is animal behaviour.

We are going to put you on probation, but it is not a "let-off". If you were to come back here before us, and we were sitting with the same Jurats as today, for any reason, you would undoubtedly go to prison. We want you to understand that. We expect you to work. It will be a condition of your probation not only that you be of good behaviour, but that you live and work where directed by your probation officer. We shall expect you to work, as soon as work can be found, and to contribute to the maintenance of your family. We shall also expect you to obey all directions of the Children's Office about the children: if they say you are not to see them, then you are not to see them. You will have access to Z only if and when the Children's Office feel it is safe for you to do so. You will go on probation for three years.