

16th January, 1987

**Attorney General -v- Michael Paul Salinger**

THE BAILIFF: Mr. Binnington, there are a number of matters which we have taken into account, some of which you have mentioned, and others. Having regard to the particular circumstances of this man, and his personal disabilities, we are going to make exception to our rule of a custodial sentence in respect of drug offences, and of course he was assisted to some extent in the drug offences by the ease in which it was possible to get these tablets. Nevertheless, we feel that we cannot merely place him on probation. That would not be adequate. Salinger, this is a last chance as far as we are concerned for you. You have got your fiancé in Court with you. She can hear this. We are going to place you on probation and give you a chance, but if you break the trust we are putting in you, then you will be brought back here and you will be sentenced for this offence and you will go to prison, there is no doubt whatsoever about that, unless there are very very exceptional circumstances. We will place you on probation on Count 1 for 2 years. On Count 2, the drug offence, you will be placed on probation for two years, concurrent, but you will work 200 community service hours under the direction of the Probation Officer, and Count 3, probation for two years, concurrent.

I want to stress Mr. Attorney and Mr. Binnington, this is an exceptional case. We are satisfied there are circumstances which enables us to do this. It is not to be taken as a guide that we are in any way moving from our general principle.

✓