

30th January, 1987

Attorney General

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Peter George Martin and Kenneth Hughes

DEPUTY BAILIFF: We think that Miss Dorey has said everything that could have been said on behalf of the two accused, and said it very well. But when one looks at the reality of the situation, the theft of property worth ten thousand pounds would in the ordinary way certainly justify a sentence of eighteen months imprisonment, and therefore the Attorney General has given full weight to the mitigating factors. He has made a reduction of what we think is fifty per cent, rather than between a quarter and a third for the plea of guilty, and therefore that gives full weight also to the gap in the record. Therefore we think the conclusions are right. Martin, you are sentenced on count 1 to six months imprisonment and on count 3 to nine months imprisonment concurrent, making a total of nine months imprisonment, and Hughes you are sentenced to six months imprisonment on count 2, and to nine months imprisonment concurrent, on count 3, making a total of nine months imprisonment.

We would like Mr. Attorney General to commend P.C. Sunter on his keen observation and initiative. If you would convey that commendation to the Chief Officer.

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Authorities referred to :-

D.A. Thomas (2nd edition) p. 200 - "The effect of a gap in the offender's record".

D.A. Thomas (2nd edition) p. 50 - "The relevance of the offender's conduct during the proceedings."