

30th January, 1987

Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

David George Wilkinson

(Application for bail)

**DEPUTY BAILIFF:** In the Jersey case of "Makarios", the Court said that in the case of a grave offence the Court did not have to be guided by the test of whether or not the accused would respond to his bail. This is a grave offence. Even on the authority that Mr. Slater handed up, a further paragraph of which he did not read, states: "it is not usual to grant bail where the prisoner has a bad criminal record". This man has a bad criminal record. He has pleaded guilty to a very serious offence. The Court has no hesitation whatsoever in refusing the application.

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Authority referred to in the judgment :-

Representation of Nikos Makarios - JJ 1978:215

Archbold - 36<sup>th</sup> edition p. 71 'Bail' (Section 7) - para 203