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IN THE ROYAL COURT OF JERSEY

21st December, 1987

Her Majesty's Attorney General

-v-

William Sutherland McGregor

Advocate S. Habin for the appellant.

S.C. Nicolle, Crown Advocate.

Appeal against sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed by the Police Court Magistrate on the 10th November, 1987, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The appellant's co-accused, who had only two previous convictions for drink related offences, had been sentenced to one week's imprisonment. The Crown Advocate was not be called upon to address the Court.

BAILIFF.....a disparity which is too great in our opinion and, secondly, he was not given sufficient benefit for having pleaded guilty. We are taking into account, Mr. Habin, the fact that your client has somewhere to go immediately to work and we think that justice will be done if he is sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment which will enable him to be released today. We are putting your client on trust as we cannot bind him over as well (although I wish we could). The fact is that he has a job to go to and somewhere to sleep we hope that he keeps it.

Legal aid costs.

Textbook referred to.

D.A. Thomas "Principles of Sentencing" (2nd Edition) p.p. 71 -73.