

ROYAL COURT

6th July, 1990

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Before: The Bailiff, and  
Jurats Le Boutillier and Herbert

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The Attorney General

- v -

Derek Paul Murphy

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Guilty plea;

Accused sentenced in respect of one  
count of larceny, one infraction each of Articles  
16A(1), and 28 of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law, 1956,  
and of Article 2(1) of the Motor Traffic (Third Party  
Insurance) (Jersey) Law, 1948.

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The Attorney General

Advocate R.G. Morris for the accused.

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**JUDGMENT**

THE BAILIFF: Murphy, your counsel submitted that the conclusions were too long, we do not think they were. You merit a prison sentence for what you did. You might well have killed somebody driving with the level of alcohol in your blood that you had. It is a serious offence - four times the limit - it is a miracle in fact that somebody was not hurt. The conclusions are not a day too long.

So far as the other matter of stealing is concerned, it was, to put it at its lowest, a very unkind trick. In fact, as I am sure you know in your sober moments, it was a mean thing to do against the man who befriended you, who stood bail for you and who took you in to live with him. The fact that you had been drinking could not have blinded you to the effect of what you were doing. You were clearly stealing for yourself, you were going to leave the island and it was just a coincidence, and a fortunate coincidence, you were seen and caught, otherwise goodness knows whether it would have been possible to bring you to justice here at all. The conclusions are granted.

n.b: no authorities.