

ROYAL COURT
(Samedi Division) 123.

31st August, 1990

Before: The Bailiff, and
Jurats Coutanche and Orchard

The Attorney General
- v -
Helier Charles Vibert

Application for Bail.

Accused charged with grave and criminal assault and indecent assault in the Police Court; following not guilty plea Magistrate remanded him on bail of £50, on condition inter alia he report twice weekly to Police. Magistrate warned accused that breach of any bail conditions would result in his arrest and return to prison. Following incidents of late reporting to Police, and failure to appear in the Police Court on date to which he had been remanded (due to misunderstanding), Magistrate ordered accused's arrest and remand in custody.

Accused has criminal record, but has family to support and is a local man.
Court re-admits accused to bail, on same terms as those imposed by Magistrate, save he need only report once a week to Police.

The Attorney General.
Advocate Mrs. D. Lang for the accused.

JUDGMENT

BAILIFF: We are going to allow the application. We think that the real test is: will this man appear. He is a local man, with a record which we have heard about, but we have not heard what it is.

He is charged with a serious offence and of course there is authority in this Court for saying that a serious offence is sufficient of its own nature to allow bail to be refused. But having regard to the circumstances we are going to grant bail in the same terms as was previously granted save in one respect. We see no merit in requiring the accused to report twice a week to the Police. The purpose of reporting is to ensure that he is still in the Island. He has obligations in the Island; he is unlikely to leave.

Vibert you must report at seven o'clock each Friday. If you don't then I'm afraid the chance we are giving you will have to be forfeited and you will go inside.

No authorities.