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ROYAL COURT

12th July, 1991

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Before: The Deputy Bailiff, and
Jurats Myles and Gruchy

The Attorney General

- v -

Graham Deakin

OFFENCE:

Grave and criminal assault.

PLEA:

Guilty.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

Deakin followed a young woman for about half a mile through the streets of St. Helier at 1.15 a.m. before attacking her and threatening to strangle her. No injury caused and no weapon used. Police heard screams and intervened to assist.

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

Co-operative with police, claimed memory loss and attributes the attack to drunkenness. Apparent remorse accepted by Consultant Psychiatrist.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Some, but none for violence.

CONCLUSIONS:

Nine months' imprisonment.

SENTENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

Conclusions granted. The sentence was "lenient" and it was his remorse which had persuaded the Court to grant the conclusions.

The Attorney General.

Advocate Miss A.P. Roscouet for the accused.

JUDGMENT

DEPUTY BAILIFF: Deakin, the Court is going to grant the conclusions moved for by the Attorney General, and therefore I sentence you to nine months' imprisonment.

I must say that the unanimous view of the Court is that the conclusions are lenient and we would not have been surprised if the sentence asked for would have been double that period. The sentence asked for takes very full account of the remorse which you have shown and of the fact that you pleaded guilty and eventually co-operated with the police and also the fact that you have apologised to the victim through the Court.

We accept that expression of remorse, we accept those apologies and for that reason only we are prepared to go along with the conclusions and therefore you are sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

No authorities.