

ROYAL COURT

118.

7th July, 1992

F.C. Hamon, Esq., Commissioner, and
Jurats Coutanche and Hamon

HM Attorney General

- v -

RR

I Count of Indecent Assault

The Attorney General.

Advocate R.J. Renouf for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE COMMISSIONER: This was an appalling offence. The Attorney General has described it quite rightly in our view as "appalling and sordid". What is particularly upsetting is that a father, who was himself sexually abused, has now abused his 9 year old daughter. We do not know what harm has been done to her and indeed to the family, which is now facing enormous strain, both emotional and financial.

We would say now that the drink is of no consequence. It explains, it does not excuse.

We will be guided by the probation report which promises not only general supervision and counselling, but support for RR and his family. We note that the Children's Department will also be assisting in this matter.

We agree with the learned Attorney's conclusions but we have to say this: had the Attorney recommended a prison sentence, we might have followed his conclusions and you will no doubt, RR, bear that in mind. A two-year probation order is imposed with the usual conditions.

No authorities.