

ROYAL COURT

16th October, 1992 184

Before: The Bailiff, and Jurats
Myles and Gruchy

The Attorney General

- v -

Veronica Joan Curtin, née Dickenson

One infraction of Article 36(1) of the
Social Security (Jersey) Law, 1974.

AGE: 43.

PLEA: Guilty.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

Social Security Employers Contributions £2,158.87 unpaid because of 'bounced' cheques. (17 employees).

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

Difficult financial circumstances and doubt as to whether written warnings of default were received.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS: Previous motoring but no dishonesty.

CONCLUSIONS:

£350 plus £50 costs (1 month with default).

SENTENCING AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

In all circumstances reduced to £250 but otherwise as per conclusions.

S.C.K. Pallot, Esq., Crown Advocate.
Advocate R.G. Morris for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: The payment of employers' contributions to the Social Security Fund is a very important part of the operation of that Fund. Employers who do not pay on time place a strain on the Fund which has to be made up by the contributions of other employers. The contributions must be paid on time. The actuarial calculations are based on the fact that they are paid on time.

Having regard to the circumstances of the recorded letters, and the fact that had you had them earlier you might not be before this Court, we are going to fine you £250 and £50 costs. The fine must be paid by 31st October, failing which there will be one month's imprisonment in default.

No authorities.