

**ROYAL COURT**  
**(Samedi Division)**

113.

3rd June, 1994

**Before: The Deputy Bailiff, and**  
**Jurats Myles and Herbert**

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**The Attorney General**

- v -

**Christopher Timothy Harris**

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Application for bail, following remand in custody to Superior Number for sentencing after guilty pleas to:

- 2 counts of producing a controlled drug, contrary to Article 5(a) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978 (count 1: tetrahydrocannabinol; count 4: herbal cannabis);
- 1 count of possessing a controlled drug (M.D.M.A.), contrary to Article 6(1) of the said Law (count 3);
- 1 count of supplying a controlled drug (herbal cannabis), contrary to Article 5(b) of the said Law (count 5).

(The accused pleaded not guilty to counts 2 and 6 of the Indictment, which pleas were accepted by the Crown).

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**W.J. Bailhache, Esq., Crown Advocate.**  
**Advocate A.D. Hoy for the Applicant.**

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**JUDGMENT**

**THE DEPUTY BAILIFF:** Article 22 of the Loi (1861) réqlant la Procédure Criminelle provides that an accused remanded for trial by the Police Court should be presented before this Court on 'un jour rapproché' that is to say, 'a proximate date'.

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This Court considers that a delay of over seven months could not be described as falling within that statutory provision and that there has been an excessive delay in laying the indictment against this Defendant.

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It is only because of the serious nature of the charges to which Harris has pleaded guilty and the fact that sentencing is to

take place in 13 days' time that the Court is going to refuse the application for bail.

5 We think, Mr. Bailhache, that these observations of the Court are a factor which should be borne in mind by the Attorney General when he determines upon his conclusions in due course.

Harris, you will be remanded in custody for sentencing by the Superior Number at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th June.

No Authorities.