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H M Attorney General -v- Malcolm Paul Bloomfield

DEPUTY BAILIFF: It is quite true that this matter was a domestic dispute, but nevertheless (indistinct) a domestic dispute, a man strikes a woman a sever blow as this was, that it doesn't, in normal circumstances, merit a prison sentence. We can find nothing wrong in principle in your client being sentenced to prison but under the circumstances, we are going to reduce the sentence imposed in respect of the assault because there was some provocation from three months to two months, and leave the rest as it is, and therefore the total imprisonment is three months instead of four months. This means, I think, that if he has earned remission, he could be released fairly soon. Is this a legal aid case?

ADVOCATE: (indistinct)