

11th December, 1985.

ROYAL COURT

A.G. -v- Glenn Christopher Pope

DEPUTY BAILIFF: You are fortunate that the amount in the Class A Drugs is so minute because this Court has clearly said that it regards those particular class of drugs with particular abhorrence but we are glad to note that you do too. Nevertheless, we find that the statement you made is correct and you did bring them into Jersey, foolishly! So far as the cannabis is concerned of course, that is another matter. You were engaging on a trading scale sufficiently large for it to be regarded as a commercial venture whether you supplied just friends or a number of other people who were not your friends in addition to them, which is quite a considerable amount, and there is also a clear indication that you were doing it, as you openly admitted, in order that the price could come down so that you and your friends could smoke cannabis at less than the market value. However, we are not so much concerned with the commercial activities but with the fact that it was a prohibited drug - cannabis. I need hardly remind you, I think you have learnt of it now - that this Court and this jurisdiction takes, perhaps, a harder line than in other jurisdictions as regards cannabis. Your counsel has very fairly put all the facts he can before us and we have examined, very carefully, the very good references which you have produced through your counsel and we are glad to note that you have obviously changed your mind about the use of cannabis and also have been living a useful life in employment since you left Jersey in the way you did. Having said all that we feel nevertheless that the Solicitor General has taken all those matters most fully into account in moving his conclusions and we feel that we cannot reduce the conclusions further. Everything that has been said on your behalf has been said, all the mitigating factors have been fully taken into account in the Solicitor General's conclusions and we cannot reduce them further as I have said and therefore the conclusions are granted. You are sentenced to a total of 12 months and £200 or in default 1 month concurrent and the drugs are ordered to be destroyed. That is all.