

ROYAL COURT

9th June, 1989

Before: The Deputy Bailiff and
Jurats Coutanche and Vint

Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

George Noble Ainslie

Importation and possession of controlled
drugs (class B), namely cannabis and
amphetamine (4 charges).

Attorney General for the Crown
Advocate C.R. de J. Renouf for the accused.

JUDGMENT

DEPUTY BAILIFF: Importation of drugs into this Island, even for personal use, is a serious offence because it adds to the total drug stock in the Island. The exceptional circumstances in this case is that Ainslie is an addict, but the best form of treatment was found and has been rejected by him. We do not accept that probation can fill that void any better than aftercare, after the completion of a sentence of imprisonment.

Having considered the whole of the circumstances, the need for an effective sentencing policy and the need for deterrence we are going to impose a custodial sentence. Therefore, Ainslie on Count 1 you are sentenced to six months' imprisonment; on Count 2 to three months' imprisonment; on Count 3 to six months' imprisonment; on Count 4 to three months' imprisonment. All those sentences to run concurrently, making a total of six months' imprisonment and we make an order for the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs.

Authority cited:

AG -v- Andrew Francis Frain (27th April, 1985) Unreported 1985/28.