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ROYAL COURT  
(Poursuites Criminelles)

29th September, 1989

Before: J.H. Vint, Esq., Lieutenant Bailiff, and  
Jurats Gruchy and Le Ruez

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Attorney General

- v -

Nicholas Bull

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Importation of controlled  
drugs, namely cannabis and  
cannabis resin.

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W.J. Bailhache, Esq., Crown Advocate  
Advocate S.A. Meiklejohn, for the accused.

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**JUDGMENT**

THE LIEUTENANT BAILIFF: These are the conclusions of the Court. I would say at the outset that one Jurat was in agreement with the conclusions of the Crown. The other Jurat moved for a total of twelve months in custody and therefore exercising leniency on my behalf, the total sentence will be a custodial sentence of 12 months made up as follows:

On today's indictment: Count 1, eight months; Count 2, eight months concurrent; and in respect of the breach of probation: Count 1, three months; Count 2, four months concurrent; Count 3, four months concurrent; Count 4, one week concurrent. These counts to be consecutive to today's indictment, i.e. a total of twelve months in custody.

I would say on behalf of the Court that we have looked at this with great care and have dealt with it on an individualised basis, thinking of your client, Mr. Meiklejohn.

The onus is really on you, Bull, to prove that you wish to change your lifestyle. We are not convinced that you have yet reached that stage, from the reports before us, to justify other than a reduction in the sentence asked for by the Crown. On your release you are urged to seek treatment and on a slightly separate matter, the Court does feel that once again such cases do indicate the need for secure custodial facilities where treatment is available for offenders. The other point the Court would like to say is that a lot of publicity is given to suppliers and drug barons overseas, but they would not exist at all without users of the drugs.

n.b. no authorities.