

ROYAL COURT
(Superior Number)

51.

26th March, 1992

Before: The Bailiff, and Jurats
Coutanche, Vint, Myles, Bonn, Orchard,
Hamon, Le Ruez, Vibert, Herbert
and Rumfitt

HM Attorney General

- v -

Mark Christopher Reissing

1 Count of possession of controlled drug, with intent to supply, contrary to Article 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978.
(Count 1 of indictment).

1 Count of supplying controlled drug, contrary to Article 5 of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978.
(Count 2).

PLEA:

Guilty.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

Defendant arrested while retailing drugs outside a local disco. Had already sold £785 worth. Ran away; arrested in possession of bag of tablets. Second bag found by police, having been thrown away by defendant. Admitted selling drugs earlier in the evening, also selling drugs earlier that week.

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

Defendant out of work, took to selling drugs to finance himself. Co-operative; in particular told the police about the bag he had thrown away.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Several, including three for possession of drugs (cannabis and LSD).

CONCLUSIONS:

4 years; confiscation order for £1,054; drugs to be forfeited and destroyed.

SENTENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

Conclusions granted.

Miss S.C. Nicolle, Crown Advocate.

Advocate R.G.S. Fielding for the defendant.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: The Court has considered everything that has been said by your counsel. The Court cannot get away from the fact that you were supplying drugs for gain and therefore you come within the usual band which the Crown Advocate has outlined. We cannot think that the conclusions are wrong.

People like you, even on a smaller scale, are supplying drugs to young people who use them, we understand, at 'raves'. They get used to these drugs, and this eventually could lead on to other things.

This Court is determined, so far as it lies within its power, to give sentences of sufficient severity as we hope will

deter others. You are sentenced to four years' imprisonment.
The drugs to be forfeited and destroyed.

Authorities

AG -v- Clarkin & Pockett (3rd July, 1991) Jersey
Unreported C of A.

AG -v- Clarkin (16th April, 1991) Jersey Unreported.

AG -v- Carr & Feeney (11th February, 1992) Jersey Unreported.

AG -v- Cappie & Hailwood (4th December, 1991) Jersey
Unreported.

Aramah (1982) 4 Cr. App. R.(S) 407.

Singh (1988) 10 Cr. App. R.(S) 408.