

ROYAL COURT  
(Samedi Division)

27.

14th February, 1997

Before: F.C. Hamon, Esq., Deputy Bailiff, and  
Jurats de Veulle and Quérée

The Attorney General

- v -

Geest Limited

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1 count of       contravening Article 14(1)(a) of the Housing (Jersey) Law, 1949, by failing to comply with a condition of a Housing Committee consent to the lease of "Penthouse C", La Colline Court, Gorey, Grouville, stipulating that the said property should be occupied by full-time employees of the Defendant Company.

Plea: Facts admitted.

Details of Offence:

Allowed occupation of "Penthouse C", La Colline Court, Gorey to be occupied by Mr. P.R. Fearn and his wife when Mr. Fearn's "J" category employment term had expired and without the consent of the Committee.

Details of Mitigation:

Management changes had meant that matters had been allowed to become disorganised. If application had been made Committee would likely have granted consent.

Previous Convictions: None.

Conclusions: £1,250 fine; £250 costs.

Sentence and Observations of the Court:

Conclusions granted. Accepted that the offence was at the lower end of the range.

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J.G.P. Wheeler, Esq., Crown Advocate.  
Advocate B.H. Lacey for the Defendant Company

5 **THE DEPUTY BAILIFF:** There is, in the face of this prosecution, very little to say. Each case turns on its particular facts and Miss Lacey has held us this morning with a tale of conglomerates and corporations that would no doubt while away a rainy morning or two.

10 We are quite satisfied that events overtook the local directors and as far as this Court is concerned the case is at the lower end of the scale. We need say no more but to honour the conclusions of the learned Crown Advocate. The Company is fined £1,250, plus £250 costs.

Authorities

AG -v- Gala Holidays (CI) Ltd (2nd November, 1990) Jersey  
Unreported.

AG -v- Coombe Dingle Ltd (15th March, 1993) Jersey Unreported.

AG -v- CI Newsagents Ltd (27th May, 1993) Jersey Unreported.