

Royal Court (Inferior Number)

26th April, 1985.

A. G. -v- Alexander Brown.

Importation of a controlled drug (Class A), contrary to Article 23 of the Customs and Excise (General Provisions)(Jersey) Law, 1972.

DEPUTY BAILIFF: "It is difficult in the absence of precedent of importation of L.S.D. into this Island(indistinct) to decide on the appropriate term of imprisonment. Reading Thomas' well known book on sentences in the Court of Appeal, we find that it is not unusual for importing L.S.D. in the United Kingdom, it wasn't anyway at the time that book was written, I should qualify it to that extent, to have sentences as high as three years, even for a small amount. We have said time and time again in this Court that persons who import dangerous drugs, and this is a Class A drug, and the court is very surprised to read some of the remarks issued by the Department of Health in the United Kingdom, admittedly we asked Mr. Fenoughty to inform us where it comes from, it apparently comes from a total booklet which is issued in respect of drugs generally and of course one must be careful not to take an extract out of context, but having said that we are still surprised about its contents, it seems to us to run counter to all the medical advice that this Court has received over the years and certainly to the policies of the English courts and most certainly and more strongly to the policies imposed and followed in this Court. We are determined that the importation of drugs of Class A which adds to the general

amount of drugs in use on this Island will be stopped and to
show that we intend to do so, we are going to increase the
sentence. You are sentenced to 18 months. *