Royal Court

24th July, 1987.

Before:

Deputy Bailiff, Jurat Le Boutillier, Jurat Bonn.

H.M. Attorney General -v- Archibald Duncan Campbell.

Being drunk and disorderly

H.M. Solicitor General.

Advocate A. Messervy for the accused.

Judgment

DEPUTY BAILIFF: We are satisfied that in this case confinement is inevitable. There is, in our view, a big difference between this case and that of le Monnier, who had the support of Miss O'Shea and her mother and who had, mostly importantly, accepted the advice of Dr. Faiz.

In this Court's opinion, the sentence asked for is not disproportionate to the offence; we regard nine months as the permissible ceiling for offences of drunkeness; and in fact we believe that sentences of up to 9 months have been imposed by this Court. The increasing sentence principle applies here: Campbell has had 4 months imprisonment on two occasions and must expect a longer sentence if he continues to offend.

The Court is unanimous in granting the conclusions. Campbell you are sentences to seven months imprisonment. Nevertheless, Mr. Messervy, we are grateful to you for the arguments which you have put before us.