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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 -

G. Hopkins and Sons Ltd.

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Infraction of Regulation 5(2)(a)  
of the Safeguarding of Workers  
(Electricity at Work) (Jersey)  
Regulations, 1983.

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W.J. Bailhache, Esq., Crown Advocate  
Advocate R.G.S. Fielding for the accused.

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**JUDGMENT**

THE LIEUTENANT BAILIFF: The Court is going to grant the Crown Advocate's conclusions. Therefore your client company, Mr. Fielding, is fined £1,000 with costs. The Court would agree, as the Crown Advocate said, that this particular extension lead was indeed a virtual death trap. We would advise all users of such equipment to heed the advice of the safety officers and indeed to conform with the laws in relation to the Safeguarding of Workers. It could be said that this is the sort of thing that could happen to any of us,

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but this sort of practice is unacceptable and we hope that other people will take note. It was a virtual death trap.

n.b. no authorities.