ROYAL COURT

1st February, 1990

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<u>Before</u>: The Bailiff, and Jurats Lucas and Orchard

The Attorney General
- v Roger Junior Hatte

Sentencing on one count of importation of a controlled drug (being cannabis resin) and one count of possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply, contrary to Article 23 of the Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Jersey) Law, 1972, and Article 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978, respectively.

Attorney General for the Crown Advocate A.D. Robinson for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: What we are going to do must not be taken as an indication that we do not regard the importation of cannabis resin as being other than a serious offence, but we are able to take the decision we have mainly because of your age and the fact that you have no previous record. Furthermore, we accept that originally it was not the intention to come back to Jersey with it. Had it not been

for those factors we would have granted the conclusions of the Attorney General but we are going to take heed in this particular instance of the recommendations in the Probation Report and therefore we are going to sentence you to 240 hours of Community Service on count 1; and on count 2 place you on probation for two years, to live and work as directed by the Probation Officer (and I will stop there a moment) you are going to have to work. There is plenty of work available in Jersey, and you will have to work and if you do not do it to the satisfaction of your Probation Officer you will be brought back here. You will also have to be of good behaviour during that time and come up for sentence if necessary. There will be a confiscation order of £610 in respect of counts 1 and 2; and the Viscount will be empowered to realise the confiscated items, that is to say the Volkswagen van, the hi-fi equipment, and the collection of compact discs, and the drugs are ordered to be forfeited and destroyed. are giving you a chance, you had better take it.

n.b: no authorities.