ROYAL COURT

23rd March, 1990

Before: The Deputy Bailiff, and Jurats Vint and Vibert

Attorney General - v -Langston Investments Limited

Company charged with one infraction of paragraph 1(a) of Article 14 and four infractions of paragraph (1) of Article 7 of the Housing (Jersey) Law, 1949.

Advocate S.C. Nicolle for the Crown, Advocate R.J. Michel for the company.

JUDGMENT

DEPUTY BAILIFF: The Court repeats that it is the responsibility of every property owner to acquaint himself with the responsibilities of ownership.

We think that some of the comments made in mitigation would have been better left unsaid. To claim that the property was so derelict that it would not have been occupied by bona fide qualified people as their family home and at the same time to hold that it is suitable to house staff as their home does not redound to the credit of the owners.

The conclusions are granted. Therefore on Count 1, there will be a fine of £2,000.00. On each of Counts 2 to 5, there will be a fine of £500.00, making total fines of £4,000.00, and there will be costs of £250.00.

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n.b: no authorities.