

ROYAL COURT

19th October, 1990

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Before: The Deputy Bailiff,
Jurats Vint and Herbert

Attorney General

- v -

William Bowers

Bail application.

Miss S.C. Nicolle, Crown Advocate.
Advocate F.J. Benest for the applicant.

JUDGMENT

DEPUTY BAILIFF: The principal question is whether the accused is likely to appear to stand his trial. Having regard to his wife's interest in coming to Jersey as she has done, to the interest taken by others and to his ties to Horsham, we do not think that Bowers will abscond. Also we cannot ignore the fact that the police have been slow and the committal proceedings will not start until late November and will probably be completed too late for a trial in January, so we are probably talking about the March Criminal Assize.

We do not consider there is much substance in the point about interference with witnesses and we cannot ignore the fact that the two co-accused were granted bail.

Therefore we grant bail in the sum of £2,000 on condition that Bowers surrenders any passport which he may have or obtained and on condition that he will report twice weekly to Horsham police station on days and times to be agreed before his release.

No authorities.