ROYAL COURT

2nd April, 1993

Before: The Bailiff, and Jurats Myles and Rumfitt

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The Attorney General

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Martin Guy Webster

2 infractions of Article 14(1)(a) of the Housing (Jersey) Law, 1949.

AGE: 39.

PLEA: Facts admitted.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

The defendant let parts of an investment property to unqualified persons over a period of 9 years. He appeared to believe that putting a qualified person in occupation of part of the house enabled other parts to be let to unqualified people. No exemption forms were filed in respect of qualified tenants.

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

Co-operative with inquiries. Put matters right immediately.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Sundry, but none for Housing infractions.

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. £10,000 or 6 months' imprisonment.
- £500 or 1 month's imprisonment consecutive. Plus £500 costs. Total: £10,500 or 7 months' imprisonment.

SENTENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

1. £7,000 or 5 months' imprisonment.

2. £500 or 1 month's imprisonment consecutive. £500 costs. Three months to pay.

The Attorney General.

Advocate A.D. Hoy for the defendant.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: If it had not been for the fact that, as appears from the letter mentioned by your advocate, you had started to put things right a short time before the investigations by the Housing Committee began, we would have granted the conclusions. As it is, we think the appropriate fine is £7,000 or in default 6 months' imprisonment on count 1; and on count 2, £500 or one month's imprisonment consecutive, plus £500 costs. You will be granted three months in which to pay.

No authorities.