

ROYAL COURT
(Superior Number)

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2nd June, 1993

Before: The Bailiff, and Jurats
Myles, Bonn, Orchard, Gruchy,
Le Ruez and Rumfitt.

The Attorney General

- v -

Anthony Edward Croxton.

Sentencing, following conviction on 4th May, 1993, before the Inferior Number on:

1 count of possession with intent to supply a controlled drug (cocaine) contrary to Article 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978 (Count 1 of the Indictment).

Sentencing, following guilty plea on 5th March, 1993, before the Inferior Number to:

2 counts of possession of a controlled drug contrary to Article 6(1) of the said Law (Count 2: cocaine; Count 3: cannabis resin).

AGE: 26.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

Accused's premises searched under warrant; 29.08 grams of cocaine (33% purity), scales and dealing lists found. Largest quantity of cocaine so far seized in Jersey.

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

No previous drugs convictions; residual mitigation for youth; after conviction created some mitigation of a sort which is not spoken of in open Court.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Some dishonesty; nothing relevant to this case.

CONCLUSIONS:

6 years' imprisonment.

SENTENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

5½ years' imprisonment, to take account of the mitigation which arose after conviction.

C. E. Whelan, Esq., Crown Advocate.
Advocate M. St. J. O'Connell for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: The Court has taken note of an indication by the Crown that, in future, cases of this nature will attract higher conclusions.

The Court has not considered that it would be appropriate to take that indication into account and has not done so in deciding on the proper sentence today.

We cannot and do not fault the starting point of the Crown of 7 years' imprisonment, but taking into account all the circumstances and the limited co-operation which the accused eventually gave the police, the Court has come to the conclusion - by a majority - that the appropriate sentence for Count 1 (which is the most serious count) is 5½ years' imprisonment, and accordingly you are sentenced to 5½ years. The other conclusions are granted: on Count 2, 3 years' imprisonment concurrent; on Count 3, 15 months' imprisonment concurrent; and there will be an order for the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs.