

ROYAL COURT
(Samedi Division) 102

30th July, 1993

Before: The Lieutenant Bailiff, J.H. Vint, Esq.,
and Jurats Blampied and Gruchy

The Attorney General

- v -

Walter James Cooney

4 infractions of Article 10(1) of the Social Security (Collection of Contributions) (Jersey) Order, 1975, (charges 1, 3, 5, 7).

4 infractions of Article 36(1) of the Social Security (Jersey) Law, 1974, (charges 2, 4, 6, 8).

AGE: 45.

PLEA: Facts Admitted.

DETAILS OF OFFENCE:

Specimen charges. In fact the accused had been in Jersey since 1981, working throughout as a self-employed tiler/builder. Had never registered with Social Security.

DETAILS OF MITIGATION:

Plea: co-operation; claimed to think he was covered by his wife's contributions; had himself always paid income tax; 2 children to support.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:

Treated as a man of good character.

CONCLUSIONS:

£1,300 plus £50 costs.

SENTENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:

Conclusions granted.

**C.E. Whelan, Esq., Crown Advocate.
Advocate Miss D. Cubitt-Sowden for the Defendant.**

JUDGMENT

THE LIEUTENANT BAILIFF: All infractions of the Social Security Law are serious matters and really the Crown could not have been more understanding and generous in the penalties which they have asked for.

Therefore, although we feel that we can make no reduction in what we consider to be very fair penalties for the various infractions, we will allow 12 months in which to pay these fines, which should enable your client to meet his other obligations and also to make his repayments without affecting his family's income too much.

Therefore, Cooney, on each of counts 1, 5, 7, and 9, you are fined £75, or, in default, two weeks' imprisonment. On each of counts 2, 4, 6, and 8, you are fined £250, or, in default, four weeks' imprisonment, making a total of £1,300, or, in default, 24 weeks' imprisonment, with £50 costs and 12 months in which to pay.

No authorities.