ROYAL COURT (Samedi Division)

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15th August, 1997

Before: F.C. Hamon, Esq., Deputy Bailiff, and Jurats Bonn and Gruchy.

The Attorney General

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Adrian Raymond Bichard

1 count of

supplying a controlled drug, contrary to Article 5(b) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978:

count 1: cannabis resin.

1 count of

possession of a controlled drug, with intent to supply, contrary to Article 6(2) of the Misuse of

Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978: count 2: cannabis resin.

1 count of

possession of a controlled drug, contrary to Article 6(1) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law,

1978:

count 3: cannabis resin.

Plea: Guilty.

Age: 29.

Details of Offence:

Trespassing when found in possession. Admitted to supplying. Admitted buying in bulk and splitting into parcels.

Details of Mitigation:

Co-operative with police. Wrote his own indictment with relation to count 2.

Previous Convictions:

1988: possession and growing cannabis - 9 months' imprisonment. 1994: Breach of the Peace - Binding Over Order.

Conclusions:

Count 1: 9 months' imprisonment.

Count 2: 9 months' imprisonment, concurrent. Count 3: 1 month's imprisonment, concurrent.

Sentence and Observations of the Court:

Conclusions granted. Should have known better. Knew the penalties.

A.J.N. Dessain, Esq., Crown Advocate. Advocate P.S. Landick for the accused.

JUDGMENT

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THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: Bichard, you have a previous conviction for supplying cannabis and you were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. The Gourt is aware that that was a long time ago but you seem to have learned nothing from that experience. You must be aware of this Court's stated policy, particularly with regard to those who deal in these dangerous substances.

However, you have helped write your own indictment and you have shown genuine remorse. We have to say that we have carefully analysed the reasoning of the learned Crown Advocate, and we agree that his conclusions are right. Bichard, stand up, please. On count 1, you are sentenced to nine months' imprisonment; on count 2, you are sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, concurrent; and, on count 3, you are sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment, concurrent. The time that you have spent in custody will be taken into account. We further order the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs.

No Authorities.