

15th May, 1987

POLICE COURT

Her Majesty's Attorney General

-v-

David Hughes

THE BAILIFF: This is another of these occasions where this is a drink related offence. This Court cannot express itself too firmly or clearly by saying that there is a problem of drink in this Island, and that everyone has a duty to try and reduce that problem. That said, the person who voluntarily takes drink wherever he gets it, knowing that if he does take it it affects his temper, has only himself to blame because of the result of taking drink he behaves in the way that the accused has. We can find nothing in what you have said Mr. Dart, to suggest to us that the conclusions asked for by the Attorney General are wrong or excessive. This man drank, he behaved in a way which was outrageous both to women, and then fought with the police, whatever his reasons for doing so. We accept he is fond of his child, but nevertheless, there was no excuse for the way which he reacted, particularly the way in which he attacked acting Sergeant Girard. You are sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment. ✓