

16th December, 1987.

COURT OF APPEAL

Before: Sir Charles Frossard, President,
Sir Godfray Le Quesne, Q C, and
Robert Donald Harman, Esq, Q C.

Attorney General -v- Michael Paul Wood-Hall

Appeal against sentence of three years' imprisonment passed by the Royal Court (Superior Number) on 7th September, 1987, following guilty plea to thirty-two counts of forgery.

Advocate S C Nicolle, the Crown Advocate,
Advocate P C Sinel for the Appellant.

The President: This is an appeal against sentence by Michael Paul Wood-Hall who was sentenced on thirty-two counts by the Royal Court on 7th September, 1987, on his plea of guilty, to which, on each count, he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, each sentence to run concurrently.

The Deputy Bailiff, sitting as a judge of the Court of Appeal, granted leave to appeal against sentence on 9th October of this year.

Having heard the submissions by counsel and taking into account the previous good record of the appellant, that he pleaded guilty to his crimes and that the money was not used in any way in extravagant living, we feel that the appropriate sentence is two years' imprisonment in respect of each count to be served concurrently and, accordingly, the sentence is reduced.

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