

ROYAL COURT

24th June, 1988

Before: the Deputy Bailiff,
assisted by
Jurats Baker and Orchard

Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

Nicola Letchford

Sentence of 3 years' Probation imposed
in respect of two counts of assault
on police, one count of being drunk
and disorderly and one count of
obtaining a meal by fraud

H.M. Solicitor General for the Crown
Advocate M. St. J. O'Connell for the defendant

JUDGMENT

DEPUTY BAILIFF: We grant the conclusions. Letchford in respect of all four charges you are put on probation for three years, subject only to the normal conditions that you will both live and work where directed by your probation officer; and you will be of good behaviour throughout that time. Now in your case this must be very much a last chance, because you have been on probation before, and you were given a wonderful opportunity a fortnight

ago of going into a hostel where seven weeks of your rent was paid. You have made your own position much more difficult by absenting yourself from there. The Court hopes that you are this time going to recognise that it is a last chance because if you came back here, whether for just a simple breach of probation, or because you have committed further offences, you will undoubtedly go to prison. After tomorrow you will no longer be under 21 years of age, and you will be liable to the full weight of a prison sentence in the same way as other adults and you can be sure that if you come back you will go to prison. Now it is very important that you choose your friends more carefully than you have done in the past. It is quite clear to us that the people that you have been with on both these occasions are people with long and difficult backgrounds and records of convictions and you really must try and break away from that sort of company. In the long term, if you were to behave yourself, there is a real possibility that you can get together with your daughter again, but if you are not going to behave yourself, then of course you will never be able to have Katy back with you. So it is up to you. ✓