

ROYAL COURT

15th August, 1988

Before: The Bailiff and  
Jurats Coutanche and Le Ruez

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Her Majesty's Attorney General

- v -

Dennis Edmund Barbet

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Appeal against sentence of disqualification  
imposed for an infraction of Article 27  
(as amended) of the Road Traffic  
(Jersey) Law, 1956

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Advocate S.C. Nicolle for the Crown  
Advocate D.F. Le Quesne for the appellant

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**JUDGMENT**

BAILIFF: Mr Le Quesne, we cannot say that the Magistrate misapplied his mind about drink, as you have suggested. This was an accident caused by your client. He drove off clearly knowing that he had hit the parked vehicle and causing, in fact, quite a bit of damage to the van. He cannot say he did not know he had done so. He certainly should have done something about it. He should have stopped immediately or reported it later. The reason for his failure we do not know, but in deciding on disqualification, clearly, the Magistrate had in mind the inconvenience, and there was a considerable

inconvenience caused to everyone, including the police. We cannot say that the two months' disqualification imposed was wrong in principle.

You may have your legal aid costs, Mr Le Quesne.