

ROYAL COURT

12th October, 1990

148B.

Before: The Deputy Bailiff, and  
Jurats Coutanche and Orchard

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The Attorney General

- v -

William James Hillis

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1 Count of possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply to another, contrary to Article 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1978.

Cannabis resin imported (by another) for use in "acid-house" party. Long record of previous (non drug related) offences. Present offence "commercial enterprise". Much charitable work undertaken.

Conclusions: 21 months' imprisonment.

Conclusions granted.

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The Attorney General

Advocate P.C. Harris for the accused.

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JUDGMENT

DEPUTY BAILIFF: The policy of this Court on drugs is clear. We must take our directions from the Superior Number or Full Court who said, in

sentencing Roberts that the Court might in future impose tougher sentences for drug trafficking.

Mr. Harris has said everything that he could possibly have said for Hillis and said it well. The fact remains that Hillis was involved in an operation which was going to lead to drugs being sold to young people at "acid-house" parties and he was doing it for money. It is exactly this kind of contamination which the Court is determined to stamp out.

The Court is entitled to form its own view of the facts. If he was merely a courier for a courier why did Hillis have six pieces of paper with addresses and telephone numbers? If there was to be no sale, why did Fogg quote prices to him? We are satisfied that Hillis knew exactly what he was doing and was involved in the overall operation, albeit in a less active and responsible rôle than that of Fogg.

We see no reason to disturb the conclusions. Hillis, you are sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment and the drugs are forfeited and will be destroyed.

Authorities referred to:

A.G. -v- Clohessy and Roberts (25th January, 1989) Jersey Unreported.