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15th January, 1988

Before Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E., Bailiff of Jersey,
assisted by Jurats Coutanche and Hamon.

Her Majesty's Attorney General -v- Juan Manuel Pierra Luis
and Maria Alcenda Fernandes, his wife.

Infractions of paragraph 1(d) of Article 14 of the
Housing (Jersey) Law, 1949.

Advocate D.E. Le Cornu for the defendants.

Solicitor General for the Crown.

The Bailiff - Well Mr. Solicitor and Mr. Le Cornu, we are going to grant the conclusions; they are not opposed. It seems to us that they are very moderate having regard to the facts, but of course there are a number of mitigating matters of which not the least is the inattention, to put it no lower, of the Estate Agent, towards his client and towards his duty to see that the Housing Laws are observed, and of course the sentimental activity of others who want to help people. It is understandable, but it's no real help to help people to evade the Housing Law; it really adds to the burden of everybody else. Having said that, we really do not see that we can grant a very long time to pay, if, as it seems, they are going to have to leave the Island unless they find accommodation with an employer, which of course is always possible. We will grant the conclusions and we think that four weeks is reasonable enough to find the money. We give them four weeks to pay.

n.b. No authorities.

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