

ROYAL COURT

44

30th March, 1990

Before: The Bailiff, and  
Jurats Blampied and Le Ruez

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Attorney General

- v -

Darren Maurice Le Cocq

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**OFFENCE:**

Three times breach of the peace.

**PLEA:**

Guilty.

**DETAILS OF OFFENCE:**

Le Cocq spent Sunday morning drinking to excess. When grossly intoxicated, he went to Snow Hill where he banged and kicked glass windows and doors, and attempted to pick fights with the public. The police arrived and he was arrested amid scenes of extreme disorder and violence. He was taken to the General Hospital, where he went berserk and had to be restrained by between four to six hospital staff and two policemen. Later he went to Police Headquarters, where again he was uncontrollably violent and had to be restrained by four police officers; during the struggle, he spat blood over one police officer.

**DETAILS OF MITIGATION:**

He had been drinking because he was heavily depressed over access to his daughter, loss of his job and an accident to his car. When at Snow Hill, he was struck by a police officer, which may have exacerbated his

condition. Though his record was bad, it had improved of recent years.

**PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:**

An appalling record for dishonesty, violence and public disorder. Five breaches of his last probation order. These offences committed within three months of being bound over. A further offence committed while on remand for these offences.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Six months' imprisonment on each concurrent.

**SENTENCE AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE COURT:**

Le Cocq reaching if he had not not already reached the stage where he should be imprisoned for protection of the public. However, placed on one year's probation on each concurrent, subject to attending a psychiatric clinic and 150 hours Community Service.

**NOTES:**

Le Cocq had been acquitted at Assizes of assault on the police at Snow Hill (a verdict described by the Bailiff at the sentencing as perverse).

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Advocate S.C. Nicolle for the Crown,  
Advocate M. St. J. O'Connell for the accused.

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**JUDGMENT**

BAILIFF: Le Cocq, for many years now in this Island you have become a public nuisance, and the time is shortly coming, if it hasn't come already, when behaviour of this nature will merit substantial terms of imprisonment, if to do nothing more than to protect the public from your activities.

However, in this particular case we are impressed with the suggestions in the probation report and having regard to the matters mentioned by your counsel we are going to vary the conclusions asked for. You will be placed on probation on each of the counts for one year concurrent. As one condition of that probation order you will attend Dr. Faiz's clinic as and when he requires you. If you fail to do so that will be in breach of this order and you will be brought back here for sentencing. Further, you are to carry out to the satisfaction of the community service organizer 150 hours of community service. The present probation order is discharged. You must understand if you don't fulfil these terms satisfactorily you will be brought back here and sentenced and it will be to a term of imprisonment.

n.b: No authorities.