

ROYAL COURT  
(Samedi Division)

11th November, 1994

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Before: The Deputy Bailiff, and  
Jurats Vibert and Potter

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The Attorney General

- v -

Paul Adam Skinner

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Application for renewal of bail, refused on 4th November, 1994, [*See Jersey Unreported Judgment of that date*],  
after remand to Superior Number for sentencing on that date following guilty plea to:

- 1 count of grave and criminal assault (count 1 of the indictment laid against the applicant and his co-accused, Kenneth Charles Skinner);
- 1 count of assault (count 6); and
- 1 count of violently resisting police officers in the execution of their duty (count 7).

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A.R. Binnington, Esq., Crown Advocate.  
Advocate P.C. Sinel for the Applicant.

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JUDGMENT

THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: The Court is going to grant bail, but, in deference to the arguments laid before us by the Crown Advocate and, in view of the Judgment of this Court a week ago, we think it is desirable to add just a few words by way of explanation.

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We fully understand the argument put before the Court by the Crown Advocate and the reason underpinning the Crown's opposition to the application for bail in that the accused has pleaded guilty to what is undoubtedly a serious offence. What troubles the Court is that there does appear to be some doubt as to how serious the offence committed by Paul Skinner actually is. Counsel for Paul Skinner tells us that his client admits fighting with the victim and admits kicking him whilst he was on the ground.

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5 The version of events laid before the Court in the form of a letter from Crown Advocate Whelan is not, however, accepted by the defence. It is because there is that conflict between the versions put before the Court by the prosecution and the defence and because counsel for the applicant has indicated that he will be making an application for a "Newton" hearing so that those differences can be resolved that the Court is granting bail.

10 We therefore grant your application, Mr. Sinel. Bail will be in the sum of £500 and, because of the applicant's connections with the Island, we see no need to impose any conditions.

Authorities

A.G.-v-Skinner (4th November, 1994) Jersey Unreported.