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AG -v- Bailey [2013] JRC 166 (23 August 2013)

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THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: 1. You have been before the courts in the United Kingdom and here on numbers of occasions since 1997. You have 19 previous convictions involving dishonesty and you are now to be sentenced following guilty pleas to four counts involving dishonesty over a period of 3-4 weeks this year. 2. You have no substantial mitigation other than your guilty plea, but we note the goods have been recovered and you have also conquered your drugs problem, which is good, and we have read and considered carefully your very good letter to us. 3. The Court considers a custodial sentence is right in principle and indeed is inevitable and you should be aware that further offending of this kind is likely to lead to the sentences going up and up in the future. You will miss large parts of your child's upbringing if this continues and that time will never come again. Life does not have to be like this. You have choices to make and you should think about that while you serve your sentence. 4. As far as the sentence itself is concerned the four counts on the Indictment justify consecutive sentences, but we are not going to follow that approach as adopted by the Crown. We think the sentence imposed on each count should, as far as possible, reflect the offending. Therefore on Count 1 you are sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment; on Count 2 you are sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment; on Count 3 you are sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. Those three sentences will all run concurrently. On Count 4, which is slightly different offending in any event, you are sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment which will run consecutively, making a total of 2 years' imprisonment. Authorities AG-v-Pereira and Thomas

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