

JERSEY / JUDGMENT

AG v Cheslin [2004] JRC 052 (16 March 2004)

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THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: 1. You imported 18½ kilos or so of cannabis resin with a street value of £106,000 into Jersey. It was concealed in various places in the car which you were driving. It was clearly quite a sophisticated operation to have hidden the cannabis in that manner. It is accepted that you were acting as a courier. 2. The case of Campbell [1995]JLR136 gives guidance as to starting points for between 10 - 30 kilos: between 6 - 10 years. Having regard to the amount and to the nature of your role as a courier we agree with the Crown that a starting point of 7 years was correct. 3. The main mitigation is that you pleaded guilty. That is of value in this case We accept what Mr Gollop has said in that respect, but you lied to start with and you did not enter the plea of guilty at an early opportunity. It was not until 4 th February that you pleaded guilty, therefore, you are not entitled to a full discount for a plea of guilty. 4. You have previous convictions although it is true that you do not have any previous drug convictions. We have read carefully the Social Enquiry Report and the Psychological Report and the references, but all in all there is not a great deal of mitigation apart from the guilty plea. In the circumstances we think a deduction of 2 years is adequate to reflect that. The sentence therefore, is one of 5 years imprisonment and we order the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs. Authorities Cambell & Ors [1995]JLR136. Page Last Updated: 18 Jun 2015 BAILII: Copyright Policy | Disclaimers | Privacy Policy | Feedback | Donate to BAILII

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