

JERSEY / JUDGMENT

# AG v Corcoran [2001] JRC 218 (26 October 2001)

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THE BAILIFF: 1. This was a very serious offence of robbing at knife point which must have been a terrifying experience for the young woman who was threatened and expected that she was going to be stabbed. It appears that the accused was seen loitering in the vicinity and there was, therefore, an element of deliberation. The Courts must do what they can to protect members of the public going about their lawful business on the streets of the town. The accused was under the influence of drugs of some kind, but that is, in fact, an aggravating factor. He is aged eighteen and the provisions of the Criminal Justice Young Offenders (Jersey) Law 1994, therefore, apply. We have no doubt, however, that this offence is so serious that a non custodial sentence cannot be justified. 2. In mitigation, the accused is a first offender. Furthermore, he has pleaded guilty and the Crown Advocate regards that plea as having particular value in the context of this case. Defence counsel has reminded us that the plea was forthcoming at a very early stage. The victim fortunately suffered no serious injury apart, obviously, from the shock of the attack. The accused, as has also been said, is a very young man. These are important mitigating factors. We agree with the Crown Advocate that general deterrence is an important factor. This Court must make it clear, as it has done in the past, that offences of this kind will attract immediate custodial sentences, usually of considerable length. 3. Corcoran, your Advocate has said on your behalf everything which could properly be said. We have read your letter and we accept that you feel full of remorse for what happened. We hope that you will succeed in conquering your addiction and that when you are released from custody you will make something of your life. For the reasons which we have given we have, in the meantime, to punish you for this very serious crime. The law requires me to explain to you the reason for imposing a custodial sentence which is that threatening someone at knife point and robbing her in broad daylight is so serious an offence that no other method of dealing with it is appropriate. I have to tell you that when you have served your sentence you will be liable to supervision by a probation officer, or some other officer. The conclusions are granted and you are sentenced on the single count on the indictment to 2 ½ years Youth Detention. Authorities AG-v-Whitely (18th June 1998) Jersey Unreported; [1998/126]. AG-v-Gill (3rd June 1999) Jersey Unreported; [1999/98]. AG-v-Corcoran (25th October 1996) Jersey Unreported. AG-v-Davey and 2 Ors. (22nd November

1996) Jersey Unreported. AG-v-Turner (20th June 1997) Jersey Unreported. AG-v- Carboulec and Anor . (20th March

1998) Jersey Unreported; [1998/56] AG-v-Monet & Le Feuvre (5th October 1998) Jersey Unreported; [1998/197] Page Last Updated: 17 Jun 2016 BAILII: Copyright Policy | Disclaimers | Privacy Policy | Feedback | Donate to BAILII

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