

JERSEY / JUDGMENT

AG v Du Feu [2003] JRC 059 (28 March 2003)

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THE BAILIFF: 1. We wish to deal first with the events leading up to this grave and criminal assault. We are told by the Crown Advocate that some 20 minutes before the assault took place, the fifteen year old victim was left alone by her father in an intoxicated condition in a public place. This was on the face of it a grossly irresponsible act by a parent. 2. If she had not been left to her own devices in this drunken condition it seems to us unlikely that the girl would have armed herself with a chair leg and a bottle, and set out to cause trouble for the defendant. In short, if the girl had not been left in that way the offence would probably not have taken place at all. Article 100 (a) of the Children (Amendment No 4) Jersey Law 1974 provides for reporting restrictions in respect of children under the age of 18, but gives the Court a discretion to dispense with this restriction in the public interest to the extent that the Court thinks fit. We lift the restriction to the extent of authorising publication of the name of the father of the victim. 3. Miss Du Feu we accept that you were subjected to very serious provocation. That does not, however, excuse attacking this girl in the way that you did; you could easily have caused her permanent injury, or worse. But for all the mitigation available to you, you would undoubtedly have been sent to prison for a substantial time. 4. Having said that, we accept that the offence was entirely out of character. We have read the reports and we accept that you are a very good and caring mother to your children. Performing community service in addition to looking after 4 small children will be very difficult for you, but I am sure you understand that we have to punish you for the offence that you have admitted. 5. We are going to reduce the conclusions. We will order you to perform 90 hours' Community Service, and we state that the alternative to that sentence is a sentence of 12 months' imprisonment. *Authorities Mallet -v- A. G.*

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