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AG v Hall [2020] JRC 042A (06 March 2020)

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THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: 1. You are 45 years old and your list of previous convictions runs to over 40 pages which, even by the standards of this court, is exceptional and those convictions include 27 offences against the person. This case concerns yet another assault, this time on a prison officer who was just doing his job. 2. On the evening of the 22 nd August, 2019, prison officers went to your cell to help you because you were harming yourself with a razor in your hand. When prison officers opened the door to your cell you came out; you were aggressive; waving your arms around with a razor in your hand; shouting ' fuck you screws' . You swung out at a prison officer with your right hand whilst holding the razor, causing him to fear he was going to be struck by you. You then moved towards him, and even though you failed to make contact with the prison officer, blood sprayed onto him, covering his arms and shirt. This was your blood and he could even taste your blood in his mouth. We note from his victim personal statement he has had to have regular blood tests since the assault, the last one on the 6 th February, 2020. He suffered 25 weeks of stress and was diagnosed with anxiety. Fortunately, there was no infection passed on to him. 3. Although you were not cooperative with the police initially, you did make full admissions in interview and pleaded guilty at the first opportunity, and we give you credit for that. 4. This court has said before that prison officers are entitled to the court's protection. They have a difficult job and it needs to be clearly understood by prisoners that if they assault a prison officer they can expect severe punishment. 5. We have taken into account the contents of the Social Enquiry Report, the report of a psychologist and, in addition to the admission of guilt, the fact that you apologised personally to the prison officer and he accepts you did not single him out for this assault. 6. The report from the Probation Service describes you as solitary and nomadic. You have a history of substance abuse, but you are in good physical health and we have heard from the Probation Officer in her report, and from your advocate, that you are making good use of your time in custody. We have read the report of Dr Boucher, the psychologist, and she has provided a diagnosis to you for the first time of the underlining condition from which you suffer namely a severe personality disorder and she says that a custodial sentence is an opportune time for you to engage with a psychologist. 7. This offence is so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified and the sentence that the court imposes is one of 12 months', accepting the Crown's conclusions. In view of your means we make no orders for compensation or costs. But we do want to make a few remarks directly to you, having regard to what we have heard from Advocate Bell and what we have read in the two expert reports. We hope that this time in custody

is an opportunity for you to receive some help in a stable environment and we hope that on your release that you make use of the help offered to you by the Probation Service. I am sure you have read the report of the probation officer, and the officer in question clearly stands ready to help you to reintegrate in the community and, although you have got a long list of convictions it is never too late, and I hope you understand that. 8. So we hope that whatever you learn in custody you can make use of when you are released and it is clear the Probation Officer who wrote the report has a lot of time for you and we hope you do not let her down when you are released. 9. We direct the release of the two reports to the Health Care Team at the Prison and the Adult Mental Health Service. Authorities Criminal Justice (Compensation Orders)(Jersey) Law 1994 Harrison v AG [2004 JLR 111] AG v Le Lay

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