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AG -v- Hughes 10-Mar-2006

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THE BAILIFF: 1. Hughes, generally speaking, the Court punishes grave and criminal assaults by imposing custodial sentences. The reason for that is that violence of this kind, even if it is provoked in the way in which you were perhaps provoked, is not an acceptable way of resolving disputes. 2. We are not going to impose a custodial sentence for all the reasons given by the Crown Advocate. We hope, nonetheless, that you are thoroughly ashamed of what happened on that evening and furthermore understand what can happen when you get yourself so drunk that you lose your self control. Drunkenness is not an excuse for criminal behaviour. 3. The Jurats consider that if a sentence of imprisonment had been imposed it would not have exceeded 9 months, and translating that into community service, the sentence of the Court is that you will perform 150 hours' Community Service to the satisfaction of the Community Service Organiser.

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