

JERSEY / JUDGMENT

# AG -v- Ring [2008] JRC 190 (07 November 2008)

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the bailiff: 1. You have pleaded guilty to a number of offences; £3,000 worth of mobile phones have disappeared without a trace; your conduct with the shopkeeper in taking money from the till and then throwing it around when he caught you was completely outrageous. You can not expect to behave like that and to get away with it. 2. You have been placed on probation many times by the courts and offered chances by the Magistrates and by the Youth Court and you have not taken those chances so far. We are satisfied as the law requires us to be, that with your history of failure to respond to non-custodial penalties and your unwillingness to respond to them, there is no other way of dealing with you other than by imposing a sentence of youth detention. 3. Having said that, the Court wants you to know that we have read your letter very carefully and we are greatly encouraged by it. You have been let down by your father, that is true, and many other people are in the same boat, but you have not been let down by your mother, who notwithstanding everything that you have done, is in Court today supporting you. We want to say that you have reached an age where in fact, you should be thinking of giving some help and support to her rather than the other way round. We are, as we say, encouraged by the fact that the courses that you have done in prison are courses which will help you in the future; we hope that you will continue to take advantage of those and that when you come out of the Youth Detention Centre, you will indeed go to Highlands and make something of your life for the first time. There is no reason why you should not do that. You are a fit, healthy, intelligent young man and there is no reason why, with the qualifications that you get in the prison and perhaps afterwards at Highlands, you should not get a job if you set your mind to doing so and we hope you will do just that. 4. In the meantime I'm afraid we have to punish you for the offences that you have admitted. The conclusions are granted. We will sentence you to a total of 16 months' Youth Detention, and we must tell you that you will liable to supervision by a Probation Officer when you have served that sentence. 5. We order the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs. Authorities Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Jersey) Law 1994. Whelan on Aspects of Sentencing in the Superior Court of Jersey. AG-v-Gaffney

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