

JERSEY / JUDGMENT

Attorney General v Michael Mario Rossel

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ROYAL COURT

(Samedi

Division)

30th

April, 1999,

Before: Sir Philip Bailhache, Bailiff and

Jurats Myles, Potter.

The

Attorney General

-v-

Michael

Mario Rossel.

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count of: being knowingly concerned

in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of a controlled

drug., contrary to Article 77(b) of the Customs & Excise (General

Provisions) (Jersey) Law 1972.

Count

1: Cannabis resin.

Age: 39.

Plea: Guilty.

Details of Offence:

Arrested at the airport with 3.8kgs of cannabis resin (£16,000 - £22,000) taped to his body. He was delivering it from Thailand for a fee of 4,000 US dollars. Had flown from Thailand via Zurich. German national, resident in Thailand.

Details of Mitigation:

Plea: needed the money for health treatment,
business has suffered following his stroke 2 years earlier, other matters.
Previous Convictions: Nil.
Conclusions: 2 years' imprisonment.
Sentence & Observations
of Court: Conclusions granted.
C.E.
Whelan, Esq., Crown Advocate
Advocate
M. Guillaume for the accused.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: Rossel, the Court has given very careful consideration to all the mitigation which is available in this case, but at the end of the day - as we are sure you know - this was a quite deliberate act of drug trafficking, whereby you carried some £20,000 worth of cannabis, as the Crown Advocate has said, halfway across the world for delivery in Jersey. We think the conclusions are right, and you are accordingly sentenced on count 1 to two years' imprisonment. We order the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs. Authorities A.G -v- Shoesmith (19th March, 1999) Jersey Unreported. Campbell, Molloy, and MacKenzie -v- A.G. (1995) JLR 136 CofA.

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