

14th April, 1986.

POLICE COURT APPEAL

A.G. -v- Jeremy George Hilton Parker

DEPUTY BAILIFF: "The question of disparity does not impress us. This appellant pleaded guilty to 12 charges of shoplifting and he was 19 years of age. Len Larose was a year younger and involved in only five charges. It is not difficult to recognise the appellant as the ring leader or at least the most active. We cannot ignore two previous sentences at the Young Offenders Centre and one of 3 months' imprisonment. It seems to us that the later sentence was bound to be longer. The appellant has a bad record although there was a gap of one year in offences involving dishonesty but when we look at the record of Larose, he kept out of trouble for 2 years and therefore the longer gap was bound to be recognised. The offences involve some intensive shoplifting over a four day period with a return visit to the same shops. There was a degree of conspiracy which was an aggravating factor. Whilst there was co-operation with the police, it was only a very gradual co-operation as more information came to light. He did not make a clean breast of it from the start. The total sentence imposed is not out of scale and if the appellant had been committed to this Court he might well have received 9 months. Certainly, the sentence imposed was not manifestly excessive which is the only test and accordingly, the appeal is dismissed.

Is it legal aid Mr.

You have your legal aid costs."