

Thursday, 3rd July, 1986

Anthony John BOUCHARD

The Court is unanimous in its determination to maintain the severity of sentencing whatever may happen in England or elsewhere. The Inferior Number that tried Bouchard felt in fact that a three year sentence was probably appropriate, which is why the case was sent up to the Superior Number.

Advocate Yates has advanced everything that could have been said for Bouchard, but we are satisfied that the Attorney General has taken all possible mitigation fully into account in arriving at his conclusions of a sentence of two years imprisonment. Despite the break since the last drugs conviction, this Court cannot ignore the fact that this is Bouchard's seventh conviction for drug and related offences.

We note that when he received on Saturday the 2 lbs of cannabis, he was in a position the very next day to pay £500 to Reid.

In other words, he had realised £500 worth of drugs during the Saturday afternoon and evening.

We believe that the activities of Bouchard as an informer have been somewhat overplayed, but nevertheless we do have regard to the potential privations that he will suffer.

We have had also to relate the sentence that was passed on Reid and Yates, and particularly Yates, who we think received a lenient sentence of only fifteen months, and therefore we cannot increase.

Therefore, the conclusions are granted and you are sentenced to two years' imprisonment.