

19th September, 1986

A.G. -v- Morgan

DEPUTY BAILIFF: We have given this matter anxious consideration but we have decided that in all the circumstances there must be a custodial sentence in this case. We cannot ignore the fact that there were two convictions in 1985 for assaults on women and that is a very relevant factor in deciding on sentence now. There is as the Attorney General has said a public interest factor; but people should know that if they behave in brutish behaviour of this kind, a custodial sentence will inevitably follow. When an application for bail was refused some time ago, the Court said that in a case like this, the wife has to be protected by the Court even if she is not prepared to protect herself. Now, having said that, we do, nevertheless, want Morgan to appreciate that if he is prepared to attempt, genuinely, to conquer his drinking habits, he will find help and support and therefore as an act of mercy, in the hope that it gives him an incentive we are going to reduce the total sentence asked for from 12 months imprisonment to 9 months' imprisonment. So Morgan, you are sentenced on count 1 to 9 months' imprisonment; on count 2 to 1 months' imprisonment concurrent making a total of 9 months' imprisonment.