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Her Majesty's Attorney -v- Celina Mary Norah Cremin

BAILIFF: We have every sympathy with the Magistrate or Assistant Magistrate who, when faced with this appellant, asked himself what he can do with her. She has an appalling record and there is no doubt that he felt that she fully deserved a sentence of six months; the maximum of his powers. Having said that, we think there is much in what Mr. Robinson said; that although he may well have felt that it was the only thing to do, relating the sentence to the actual offence, and taking into account such mitigating factors that there were, which of course were very much offset by the appalling record, nevertheless, we think that we can say that the sentence was manifestly excessive. It is reduced to three months.