

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NAURU

Criminal Jurisdiction

Criminal Appeal No. 18 of 1976

DION AGUMWAER JONES

Appellant

v.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Respondent

7th February, 1977 at 9.00 a.m.

In Court

Before Mr. Justice I.R. Thompson, Chief Justice

For the Republic: Mr. L. Keke

For the Appellant: Mr. R. Degoregore

Appellant present:

COURT: I have now received a report from the probation officer. Unfortunately at present there is no provision in the law for the Courts to make probation orders. There is no suggestion in the report that anyone in the appellant's family of more responsibility than his parents is willing to take charge of him. Without constant supervision there appears to be little hope of reformation because of the bad company the appellant keeps and the very bad habits he has developed.

I think, therefore, that what is likely to be most effective in reforming him is for him to go to prison for the period of the District Court's sentence, so that he is made to realise the consequences of persistent criminal conduct, and then for the probation officer, when the appellant comes out of prison, to help him to get a job and to give what help and guidance he can to him and his parents.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.

I. R. THOMPSON  
Chief Justice

7/2/77.

\*(Sentence: 3 months' hard labour.)

COURT: He has numerous previous convictions.

MR. DEGOREGORE: I have nothing more to say.

COURT: I should like the probation officer to look into the causes of this young man's delinquency. On the face of the record it appears that there is no appropriate ~~alternative~~ to imprisonment but I should like to know more about him before making a decision.

ORDER: Adjourned until the 7th February, 1977 at 9.00 a.m. for probation officer's report.

I.R. THOMPSON  
Chief Justice

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