**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES**

**Criminal Side:** **18/20****17**

 **[201****7] SCSC** **644**

**THE REPUBLIC**

versus

**NEIL CONFIANCE**

Heard:

Counsel: Mr Vipin, for the Republic

 Mr Gabriel for the

Delivered: 13 July 2017

1. This is the sentence. I have heard counsel in mitigation. The Convict is 19 years old, a first offender. He is a member of the National Football Team. I note that the amount of drug involved is not on the high side 6.86 grams of powder containing 2.9 grams of heroin.
2. He has pleaded guilty at the first opportunity, saved the Court’s time and expenses of a trial. As counsel has stated he is remorseful and in his case being a young person he should be given a chance to restart.
3. I note from the factors involved that there are no particular aggravating factors no, commercial element the amount of drug is on the low side. He co-operate with the police. I would therefore impose a non-custodial sentence.
4. I impose a sentence a fine of Rs30,000/- to be paid within 6 months of today. In default he shall be committed to prison for 1 year.
5. He should not commit any similar offence within the next 2 years otherwise he will not be a first offender and he will have to face imprisonment.
6. He can appeal against sentence within 30 working days.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port on 13 July 2017

**Judge of the Supreme Court**