

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Criminal Side: CO 18/2017

[2017] SCSC 644

THE REPUBLIC

versus

NEIL CONFIANCE
Accused

Heard:

Counsel: Mr Vipin, Assistant Principal State Counsel for the Republic
Mr Gabriel for the accused

Delivered: 13 July 2017

SENTENCE

Dodin J

[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.
- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- [4] He can appeal against sentence within 30 working days.

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

G Dodin
Judge of the Supreme Court