

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Reportable

[2021] SCSC ...

CO 52/2020

In the matter between

THE REPUBLIC

(rep. by Ms. E. Benoiton)

PROSECUTION

and

STEPHEN DELORIE

(rep. by Mr. E. Chetty)

ACCUSED

Neutral Citation: *Rep v Stephen Delorie (CR 52/2020) [2021] SCSC*

Before: G. Dodin

Heard: 14 June 2021

Delivered: 14 June 2021

SENTENCE

Dodin J

[1] I have heard counsel in mitigation. The convict has pleaded guilty and has save the Court the time and expenses of a trial. He is a young man of 21 year old. He is a first offender and he is a father of one child who is 1year old and the main bread winner. I have also note as per mitigation by counsel that the drug is on the lower side the purity of only 2.1 grams which is just above the threshold of 2grams for trafficking and the accused as per counsel is remorseful and counsel moves the Court to be lenient in respect of the accused and try not to impose a custodial sentence.

[2] I have considered all these points and I agree that the convict should be given a second chance but you must not commit the offence again. So I will be imposing a suspended sentence plus a fine.

[3] I sentence the convict to a sentence of one year and I will suspend it for three years. The convict must not commit any similar offence during that period of three years. I will also impose a fine of SCR15,000 which I will give time to pay if required so. The convict is to pay the fine for a period of six months.

[4] The convict has 30 working days to appeal against the sentence.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port on 14 June 2021.

G. Dodin

Judge