

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Reportable

[2022] SCSC ...

CO 28/2021

THE REPUBLIC
(rep. by Mr. Joshua Revera)

PROSECUTION

versus

RONNY ROSE
(rep. by Mr. Joel Camille)

ACCUSED

Neutral Citation: *republic vs rose* (CO28/2021) [2022] SCSC 25 February 2022

Before: **Dodin J.**

Heard: 25 February 2022

Delivered: 25 February 2022

SENTENCE

DODIN J.

- [1] The convict has pleaded guilty to the 3 counts of trafficking in 50.04 grams of Cannabis Resin, 2.73 grams of Heroin and 3.89 grams of Cocaine. He is 34 years old, father of a 4 year old child and he is a first time offender.
- [2] As he has pleaded guilty, he has saved the Courts' time and resources of a trial. As Counsel has stated, he has shown remorse and he has moved away from the way that at

the time led him astray. And even if he was not present when the items were found in the house of his grandmother, he accepted responsibility and cooperated with the authorities.

[3] The Accused has already spent about 3 and a half months in custody whilst on remand before being released. Having considered all these factors, I do not see any aggravating factors although the charges are trafficking. The amount of drugs are on the very low side and do not present any commercial benefit.

[4] For these reasons, I will not impose a further prison sentence. I will impose the following sentences;

- (i) Count 1 - 3 months imprisonment suspended for one year and a fine of SCR 10, 000.
- (ii) Count 2 - 3 months imprisonment suspended also for one year and a fine of SCR 10, 000.
- (iii) Count 3 - 3 months imprisonment time already served whilst on remand.

All the sentences will run concurrently except for count 3 which has already been served. The total fine will be SCR 20, 000 and he will be given 6 months to complete payment of the fines.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port on 25 February 2022

Dodin J.