

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES

Criminal Side: CO 41/2018

[2018] SCSC 1120

THE REPUBLIC

versus

DANIEL EGBERT LAWRENCE
Accused

Heard: 7 December 2018
Counsel: Mrs. Rongmei Langsinglum, State Counsel for the Republic
Mr. Nichol Gabriel for the accused
Delivered: 7 December 2018

SENTENCE

Dodin J

COUNT 1

[1] The convict is 24 years old. He has no dependants. He is a first time offender and the amount of drugs is on the low side; 1st Count 2.06grams but it is still above 2 grams limit and the second is below, that is 1.98 grams. They are both class A drugs. They are not of any commercial value and I see also no other aggravating factors in this case. The convict has pleaded guilty saving the Court's time and expenses of a trial and for these reasons of course he should benefit in sentencing. Since both Counts are for possession and their

amount being what they are I do not see any reason to commit him to prison at this stage. He should be given a second a chance. So I will impose the following sentences;

Count 1

For possession of 2.06 grams of Heroin Diamorphine I will impose a sentence of one year imprisonment suspended for 3 years. During that three years you must not commit the same offence otherwise that sentence might be activated. In addition to that I impose a fine of SR15,000/- on the 1st Count.

Count 2

- [2] On the 2nd Count being a lesser amount I will not add an additional suspended sentence. I will simply impose a fine of SR15,000/- so you the accused have a total fine of SR30,000/- to pay. The Court will give you one month to make arrangement for payment. Any default in payment of the fines will result in 6 months imprisonment.
- [3] The accused can appeal against both Sentences within 30 working days.
- [4] The cash bail of SR40,000/- deposited by the convict on receipt dated 11th of August 2018 shall be returned to the convict accordingly.

Signed, dated and delivered at Ile du Port on 7 December 2018


G Dodin
Judge of the Supreme Court

