

Judge noted the fact that there were no previous convictions, but he regarded the burglaries and the conversions as serious, warranting a deterrent sentence.

Counsel has submitted that the period of the detention and of the disqualification are excessive. She has stressed that he played a waiting role in the sense that he delivered the people who broke in and picked them up later. She suggested that he was largely influenced by friends and did not take the initiative; that his acts were matters of convenience for those offenders. The fact remains, however, that he was party to these burglaries and he did take a prominent part in connection with the conversions. Offences of this nature are far too prevalent. People must be deterred from offending in this way. I am unable to see that the sentences imposed were excessive and the appeal must be dismissed. As to the residential periodic detention, the order will be as made in the District Court, but the commencement date will be Friday, the 24th of February.



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