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Appellant

A N D THE POLICE

Respondent

Hearing: 28th March, 1984.

Counsel: No appearance for Appellant.  
C. Q. M. Almao for Respondent.

Judgment: 28th March, 1984.

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ORAL JUDGMENT OF TOMPKINS, J.

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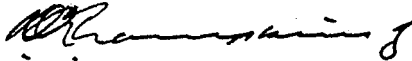
The Appellant has appealed against sentences imposed on two charges of unlawfully converting a motor vehicle, one of burglary, and one of aggravated assault.

In his notice of appeal the Appellant, who was unrepresented, accepts that he has a short but violent record, as a result of which he has spent the best part of half his life in social welfare homes and prisons. He expresses a wish to go back to the community and lead a normal lifestyle. I have had some regard to what he has said in his notice of appeal and have had regard to the facts in this case, particularly his actions when in the course of the burglary he threatened the person who disturbed him with knives in an attempt to escape from the scene of his crime.

Having regard to the seriousness of the offences that he faced, and in particular the aggravated assault, I find no reason for holding that the sentences imposed by the learned

District Court Judge were other than appropriate. They were 12 months' imprisonment on the burglary charge, 6 months and 9 months' imprisonment on the converting of the motor vehicle, and 18 months' imprisonment on the assault, all to be concurrent. If the Appellant, who I note is 19 years of age, wishes to go back to the community and lead a normal life, then the remedy will be in his own hands when he has served the sentence that has been imposed.

The appeal is dismissed.

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Solicitors:

Crown Solicitor, Hamilton, for Respondent.