

IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
TIMARU REGISTRY

A.P. No.7/91

NOT
RECOMMENDED

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BETWEEN CHRISTOPHER JOHN MANAWATU

Appellant

A N D POLICE

Respondent

Hearing: 11 March 1991

Counsel: No appearance of or for the Appellant
 I.G. Mill for Respondent

Judgment: 11 March 1991

ORAL JUDGMENT OF TIPPING, J.

This is an appeal by Christopher John Manawatu. The Appellant received an effective total sentence of six months imprisonment below on charges of burglary, fraud and driving while disqualified. There were two burglaries, two frauds and one driving while disqualified.

He has an unfortunately long list at a relatively young age for crimes of a generally like nature. The Appellant has filed one of the most candid notices of appeal in person that it has been my experience to encounter. He says that when he first arrived in Addington he did not wish to appeal but as a result of certain advice given to him by an unspecified person in the prison he changed his mind. He says in his long history this is the first time he has

appealed, he thought he would have a go. He knows he has a serious problem and needs some help. He says he will understand if the Judge turns this down but thanks the Judge for considering the appeal.

The Appellant must receive full marks for candour but unfortunately he cannot be given the same marks for the merits of his appeal. The burglaries were quite serious. This was not his first time of driving while disqualified and the frauds were relatively serious also. In the light of his past history and the sentences that were imposed on previous occasions it cannot possibly be said in my view that six months overall was manifestly excessive. The appeal is dismissed.

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