

7th March 2014

I, CELIA JEUNE nee KIRK, of Le Potager, Rue du Coin, St. Ouen Jersey, on seeing the transcript of the Crown Court in front of HHJ Neil Bidder of 7th January 2014 involving my brother:

Regina v Maurice John Kirk

Appeal No: A2013139

where the Judge says " I am going to ask that the probation service be asked whether they could organise a bail hostel place for Mr. Kirk. Are they able to organise a bail hostel place for Mr. Kirk outside the Vale of Glamorgan/Cardiff area? It does not have to be a long way outside but sufficiently outside to avoid accidental contact with witnesses and I would like that done within the week" I set about trying to find suitable accommodation.

I telephoned various bail hostels in Bristol but was advised that they were unable to help me in any way unless I was from 'the Probation System'.

I tried the Cardiff Prison Bail Service but they were unhelpful.

On 27th January 2014 I telephoned the Crown Court Probation Service and spoke to Mel who sought advice from her supervisor. She reported that they had not received an order from the Judge and after I insisted she tried harder she said " I will give listings a call and find out about it".

On 28th January 2014 I telephoned the same Probation Office where again the probation officer reported that they could do nothing without an order but from her supervisor she understood that a Catherine Rees, a Court official 'was dealing with the bail search'.

On phoning Catherine Rees (0292067846) I spoke with Rachael and was advised to call later. After more calls I spoke with Ms Rees who said she was doing her best but was unable to find a place and it was not something she

dealt with. I politely suggested that she could possibly use the Probation Service resident in her building or send Maurice to his own accommodation in Barry. I have since learnt (3rd March 2014) that the Barry Police would have objected to this latter suggestion.

It is clear to me that the Probation Service within the Crown Court COULD and SHOULD have been employed to help HHJ Bidder with his request.

Mrs. Celia Jeune nee Kirk

retired magistrate (by appointment of the Royal Court of Jersey)