**IN THE CROWN COURT**

**AT LIVERPOOL**

Order No: **Crime 373**

CAO No (if applicable): **N/A**

Case No: **T20167064**

The Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts

Derby Square  
Liverpool, L2 1XA

Date(s) of hearing: **17th October 2017**

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**Before:**

His Honour Judge Cummings QC

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|  | **R E G I N A** |  |
|  | **- v -** |  |
|  | **ROBERT SMEDLEY**  **First Defendant**  **CHRISTOPHER JOHN EDWARD JOYNSON**  **Second Defendant** |  |

**Ms L Wright and Mr J Dyer** appeared on behalf of the prosecution

**Mr S.G. Swift** appeared on behalf of the first defendant

**PROCEEDINGS**

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(10.31 a.m.)

(On resumption)

(The jury returned to court)

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. In a few moments you will retire again to continue your deliberations. Just a word of explanation; I will not interrupt you, only you know where you are up to, so please do not imagine I have forgotten about you, I will simply leave you to get on with your job. Would the jury bailiff please be re-sworn.

(Jury bailiff sworn)

(The jury retired to consider its verdict at 10.33 a.m.)

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Other than bail, any matters arising?

MISS WRIGHT: No, thank you.

JUDGGE CUMMINGS: All right, bail within the building, please, subject to what I said yesterday about smoking breaks, if applicable. Come one o'clock if you want to leave the building for lunch or indeed just to get some fresh air, please feel free. The court will not sit between one and two o'clock, so for that hour do as you please, but otherwise bail within the building. Thank you. Please do not wait.

(Short adjournment)

(On resumption)

(The jury returned to court at 16.01 p.m.)

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. I simply discharge you overnight. 10.30 please. Thank you.

(The jury left court)

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Thank you very much. Anything arising?

MR DYER: Could I just mention tomorrow, your Honour, I know we are sitting until one o'clock, it may be that I need to ask to leave a little earlier tomorrow.

JUDGE CUMMINGS: No, certainly.

MR DYER: My learned friend will be here. I have a medical appointment.

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Thank you very much.

MR DYER: Thank you.

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Anything else?

MISS WRIGHT: No, thank you.

MR DYER: No, your Honour.

JUDGE CUMMINGS: Just 10 minutes please. 10.30. Thank you.

(Court adjourned to 10.30 a.m. on 18th October 2017)