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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
[CRIMINAL]
CASE No. DOMHCR2016/0046

Between:

The State
v
Eddison Pemberton

Appearances:

Ms. Sherma Dalrymple, State Attorney for the State
Mr. Wayne Nordé for the Defendant

2017: January 10th
2017: March 17th

JUDGEMENT ON SENTENCING

- [1] Charles-Clarke, J: The defendant Eddison Pemberton pleaded guilty to unlawfully and maliciously causing grievous bodily harm to Beyanka Blanchard on 23rd October 2015, contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act, Chapter 10:31 of the Revised Laws of Dominica.

BACKGROUND FACTS

- [2] The virtual complainant and the prisoner shared a common-law relationship and had been living

together for two years at the time of the incident. On the morning of the incident, the virtual complainant left home for work at First Domestic Insurance Company on King George V St. at Roseau. Whilst there she received certain information. She left her work place and went to her home where she met the prisoner and a young lady who was coming out of her bedroom. She enquired what the young lady was doing in her home. Both the defendant and the young lady indicated that she had come there to use the toilet. There was an exchange of words and the prisoner held onto the virtual complainant while the young lady left. When he released her the virtual complainant asked the prisoner for the key to the house. She locked the door and returned to work using a public transport. The prisoner boarded the same vehicle as her. About half hour later the prisoner came into her work place. At the time she was dealing with a customer. The prisoner sat on a chair and waited until she was through. The prisoner requested the keys for the house saying he wanted to go and collect his things from the house. She refused to give him the keys saying that the last time he had access to her house he broke all her furniture so she was not going to give him the key. She told him she would arrange for her cousin and a policeman to go with him to the house to collect his things. The prisoner told her he would come back on his lunch hour to speak to her. She told him do not come back as she would not change her mind and if he comes back she will call the police at the