

**JAMAICA**

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL**

**SUPREME COURT CRIMINAL APPEAL NOS 29, 30, 31 & 32/2014**

**BEFORE: THE HON MR JUSTICE MORRISON P  
THE HON MR JUSTICE BROOKS JA  
THE HON MR JUSTICE F WILLIAMS JA**

**SHAWN CAMPBELL  
ADIDJA PALMER  
KAHIRA JONES                    v R  
ANDRE ST JOHN**

**Bert Samuels, Miss Bianca Samuels, Miss Dania Allen and Isat Buchanan for the appellant Shawn Campbell**

**Mrs Valerie Neita-Robertson QC and Tom Tavares-Finson QC for the appellant Adidja Palmer**

**Robert Fletcher and Donahue Martin for the appellant Kahira Jones**

**Oswest Senior-Smith for the appellant Andre St John**

**Jeremy Taylor, Orrett Brown and Miss Syleen O’Gilvie for the Crown**

**9, 16-20, 23, 24 July 2018, 3 and 17 April 2020**

**MORRISON P, BROOKS AND F WILLIAMS JJA**

[1] In our judgment given in this matter on 3 April 2020, we concluded that, “save in one respect, the sentences imposed by the judge in this case cannot be said to have been excessive to such an extent as to call for this court’s intervention” (paragraph [539]).

[2] However, we considered that “the judge may have erred in not giving any consideration to the question of any time spent by the appellants in custody pending trial” (paragraph [541]). Accordingly, in order to address this issue, we deferred our decision on the appeals against sentence and required a brief note from counsel as to the time each appellant spent on remand prior to sentencing.

[3] Having regard to the contents of the note received on 9 April 2020 from Mr Tavares-Finson QC, for and on behalf of the attorneys-at-law for all the appellants, the order of the court in respect of sentence is as follows:

1. Save as indicated in order number 2 below, the appeals of Messrs Campbell, Palmer, Jones and St John against their respective sentences are all dismissed and the sentences are affirmed.
2. The period of imprisonment to be served by each appellant before becoming eligible for parole is reduced by two years and six months. Accordingly, the times to be served before being eligible for parole shall be as follows:
  - a. Mr Campbell - 22 years and 6 months
  - b. Mr Palmer - 32 years and 6 months
  - c. Mr Jones - 22 years and 6 months
  - d. Mr St John - 27 years and 6 months

3. The sentences shall each be reckoned to have commenced on 3 April 2014.