

[O' BRIAIN, P., ZEKIA, VASSILIADES and JOSEPHIDES, JJ.]

1. ANDREAS MICHAEL STYLIANOU
2. ANDREAS PANAYIOTI ANGELI
3. SAVVAS MENELAOU,

Appellants,

v.

THE REPUBLIC,

Respondent.

*(Criminal Appeals Nos. 2414, 2415 and 2416)
(Consolidated).*

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*Criminal law—Young offenders—Sentence of imprisonment—
Where such sentence is contemplated, the services of a Probation
Officer should be made available to the Court.*

Observations of the High Court regarding the matters referred to heretofore:

Before concluding this case, the Court will take the opportunity of expressing the view that in cases where the persons convicted are of young age and a sentence of imprisonment is contemplated, the services of a Probation Officer should be made available to the Court. Some of the Members of this Bench who have had experience of such services are in a position to know that they are very valuable in considering sentence, and we consider that in all cases where the accused does not object and is 21 years of age or under, an investigation report by the appropriate Probation Officer should be available upon conviction, and the Probation Officer attend Court, at the instance of the prosecution, to assist the Court with information which the Court may require for purposes of sentence. Needless to say that individual Courts may add to this minimum category and require a probation report in cases where the accused is over 21 years of age.