

MOHAMMED SALEEM KHAWAJA

v.

STELA STEFANOVA

Committal for Contempt of Court in Open Court at the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division)

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of the Practice Direction: Committal for Contempt of Court – Open Court dated 26 March 2015

In relation to claim no. CR-2022-004674 on 29 March 2023 at the Royal Courts of Justice in London Mr Justice Richard Smith sentenced Ms Stela Stefanova to a custodial sentence of 8 months for contempt of Court. The basis of the sentence was that Ms Stefanova committed (a) breaches of the Order dated 16 September 2022 made by HHJ Parfitt in the Central London County Court (b) breaches of the Order dated 13 December 2022 made by Mr Justice Zacaroli in the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) and (iii) breaches of the Order of Mr Justice Meade dated 20 December 2022 made in the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division). The County Court Order and the High Court Orders required Ms Stefanova to provide specific information and documentation. A sentence of imprisonment of 4 months was imposed in respect of the breaches of the County Court Order and a further sentence of imprisonment of 4 months was imposed in respect of the breaches of both High Court Orders, such sentences to run consecutively, such that Ms Stefanova's total sentence of imprisonment was 8 months. That sentence was suspended for 18 months on condition of Ms Stefanova's compliance with the High Court Orders.