

The Adrian Empire

Defendant	Chienne
Charges brought by	Unknown
Original charges filed	Unknown
Trial held	November 23, 1996 (for crimes after March 2, 1996)
Sentence published	Adrian Herald, January 1997 edition
CHARGES	
Treason, multiple counts	Guilty
Sedition	Guilty
Disruption of the harmony of the Empire	Guilty
Conduct unbecoming a knight	Guilty
Fraud	Guilty
Impersonating an officer of the Empire	Guilty
Attempting the dissolution of the Empire	Guilty
Theft of the Empire's assets	Guilty
Conspiracy with others toward those ends (dissolution, theft)	Guilty
Recommended sentence	Stripped of all titles, ranks, awards and honors Arms struck Permanent judicial ban Revocation of membership, with a recommendation that said revocation be made Law by the Imperial Estates at the next Imperial Estates Meeting Banishment: Three years and one day, with a recommendation that the Imperial Estates make the banishment permanent Death
Imperial Crown review	by Sir Nikolai Belski, Emperor
Final sentence	As recommended
Imperial Estates review	November 1-2, 1997 (per minutes of Estates Meeting)
Final sentence	As recommended, with the exception of permanent banishment (there existed at least one nay vote, so banishment of 3 years and 1 day will stand)
Notes	Table Round: removed Imperial Order of Saint Joan: removed Imperial Order of Crown Companion: removed Church of Adria: excommunication, decanonization

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Nearly eighteen months after the original charges of treason were filed against Chienne and Phillipe, a trial was finally held on November 23, 1996.

Terrance had already been charged for crimes up to March 2, 1996, tried on April 6, 1996, and sentenced by Sir Mathghamhain as Lord Protector on April 18, 1996. Said sentence included banishment for three years and a day; stripping of all ranks, titles, awards, and honors; permanent judicial ban; and striking of arms. For Terrance, the trial of November 23, 1996 was for allegations of crimes committed after March 2, 1996.

Chienne and Phillipe had been charged with treason against the Empire for their attempt at causing the secession of Snowden, Slivowitz, and York in July of last year. Furthermore, Chienne and Phillipe were charged along with KnightHawk, Thingold, and Terrance for the crimes outlined in the charges set forth in January of this year, as detailed in prior newsletters.

All defendants received renewed notice of the charges soon after the Imperial Estates Meeting of July (wherein it was determined that the prosecution of the defendants would be pursued, and that Sir Stefan Belski would be named special prosecutor). Trial was set for November 23, 1996.

On that day, the defendants submitted to the protection of the Captain Squire Johann Warhammer, where they were kept safe from harm from hostile onlookers. The defendants opted not to speak on their own behalf and to refrain from offering evidence in their defense. Nevertheless, pursuant to Adrian Law, Her Imperial Highness, Dame Isabeau de Ravenne stepped forward to speak on their behalf and demand a Court of Chivalry. King Sir William Ce'Wolf acted as magistrate. Sir Stefan, the Prosecutor, chose Sir Gareth Vassale as Judge. Dame Isabeau chose Queen Dame Aleta O'Barry. The two appointed Judges appointed Sir Eric the Aweful as Third Judge.

Much testimony and documentary evidence was submitted. The trial took about four hours. The advocates for the Prosecution and the Defense made their closing arguments. Then, as Grandmaster of the Dream, Sir Francois de Coucy had the last word, and spoke on behalf of the defendants. The Judges then adjourned and deliberated.

As this was a Court of Chivalry and not a Court of Law, the rulings made herein may guide future courts, but are not binding.

The recommendations of the court were as follows:

TERRANCE (a.k.a. William Terry Newman in all his personae played in the Adrian Empire):

That he be found guilty of multiple counts of treason. The court determined that there were so many individual treasonous acts that it was difficult to determine where one act of treason began and another ended. Thus the court recommended that maximum sentences be imposed. The court found lesser included multiple offenses of sedition, disruption of the harmony of the Empire, and conduct unbecoming a knight. The court found points in aggravation including fraud, impersonating an officer of the Empire, attempting the dissolution of the Empire and the theft of its asserts, and conspiracy with others toward those ends. No favorable points (points in mitigation) were found.

PHILLIPE (a.k.a. Mark A. W. Smith in all his personae played in the Adrian Empire):

The same recommendation was made as to Phillipe. A further point in aggravation found against Phillipe was that he was feudal overlord of the other two defendants (as Thane of CoirNoir) from September 1995 to November 3, 1996 (when CoirNoir ceased to be recognized by the Empire as a Domain), and was therefore responsible for their actions as well.

CHIENNE (a.k.a. Karen Smith in all her personae played in the Adrian Empire):

The same recommendation was made as to Chienne. A further point in aggravation against Chienne was that she was feudal overlord of the other two defendants (as Thane of CoirNoir) from July 1995 (when the original charges were filed against her and Phillipe) to September of 1995. The court found Chienne to be the prime mover with regards to the charges, and to be ultimately responsible.

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With regards to sentences, the following was recommended:

1. Stripped of all ranks, titles, awards, and honors: striking of arms: **ALL DEFENDANTS**
2. Permanent Judicial Ban: **ALL DEFENDANTS**
3. Revocation of membership, with a recommendation that said revocation be made Law by the Imperial Estates at the next Imperial Estates Meeting: **ALL DEFENDANTS** (Terrence expired as of November 30, 1996 in any event -- with regard to Chienne, the unused portion of her \$250 membership would be refunded to her [\$250 - \$25/year]. As she had been in the game for seven years, her refund would be \$75. Membership, once revoked, may only be reinstated by the Imperial Throne. If revocation has been ratified by a majority of the Imperial Estates, only a majority of said Estates may undo the revocation. If the revocation is made Law by two-thirds of the Senate, and not vetoed by the Grand Assembly, it shall be written into our Bylaws.)
4. Banishment: Three years and one day, with a recommendation that the Imperial Estates make the banishment permanent: **ALL DEFENDANTS** (With regard to Terrance, this sentence would run consecutively with his prior sentence, thus making his banishment for six years and two days. The period of banishment would be counted from the date of reinstatement of membership [if ever]. Yes, this means that the defendants would likely have to pay dues for the period of their banishment before being allowed to play again, assuming their dues would even be accepted. The Imperial Estates may make a banishment permanent by unanimous vote.)
5. Death: **CHIENNE AND TERRANCE ONLY** (Based on Prince Sir Francois' pleas, which may not be denied, Phillippe was allowed to live. The effect of this is that is Phillippe ever successfully petitioned to be allowed to play again, he would be able to play under the name, Phillippe le CoirNoir.)

AT THE HALL OF OUR FINAL COURT, WE, NIKOLAI II, EMPEROR OF ADRIA, DID DECLARE THAT WE ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COURT IN WHOLE. WE DID CHARGE CAPTAIN SQUIRE JOHANN WARHAMMER TO KEEP CHIENNE AND TERRANCE IN HIS CUSTODY PENDING APPEAL TO THE GRAND ASSEMBLY, REVIEW BY THE SENATE, AND REVIEW BY THE IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL. WE CHARGED THE GOOD CAPTAIN TO LET PHILLIPE GO FREE, AWAY FROM THE ADRIAN EMPIRE, TO LIVE OUT HIS HONORLESS EXISTENCE OUT OF OUR SIGHT. WE DID CHARGE THAT ALL SENTENCES TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY EXCEPT THE EXECUTIONS OF CHIENNE AND TERRANCE WHICH WOULD BE STAYED PENDING A DECISION OF THE GRAND ASSEMBLY, SENATE, AND IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL.

- Immediately thereafter, We called upon the Table Round to meet regarding the membership of the Defendants. All active members were present. They met, conferred, and unanimously proclaimed that the Defendants would no longer be members of the Table Round.
- We called upon the Imperial Order of Saint Joan to meet regarding the membership of Chienne. All active members were present except Dame Lyonene la Rose Noir (who might be vouched for by Dame Dorothea). They met, conferred, and those present unanimously proclaimed that Chienne would no longer be a member of that Order.
- We conferred with Her Imperial Majesty, Dame Dorothea II, and we agreed that Chienne and Phillippe would no longer be considered Our Crown Companions.
- Her Imperial Majesty declared Terrance not fit to be a member of the Queen's Guard, and discharged him. As there were no active members of the Queen's Guard left in Adria, Sir Francois, who was already a Crown Companion, requested to be recognized as the Premier Knight of that Order. Her Imperial Majesty found him acceptable, and he was so recognized.
- In consultation with Her Imperial Majesty, the award of the Imperial Nebula (made in 1993) was withdrawn from Phillippe.
- The above proclamations having been made, the Defendants were left without honors, awards, or titles, from any source within the Empire. They are no longer knights of any rank.
- We then asked the new Patriarch of the Church of Adria, His Holiness, Sir Jehan, what the Church's disposition would be regarding the Defendants. He proclaimed as follows: The Defendants would be given thirty days after receiving notice of the proceedings herein during which time they would be allowed to recant their sins. Failure to do so would result in a recommendation for excommunication, decanonization (Chienne and Phillippe) and deveneration (Terrance). May the Dream have mercy on their souls.