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Docket: CAC 163123

**NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL**

[Cite as: **R. v. Davison, 2001 NSCA 11**]

**Bateman, Chipman and Oland, J.J.A.**

**BETWEEN:**

WILLIAM MICHAEL DAVISON

Appellant

- and -

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Respondent

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**REASONS FOR JUDGMENT**

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Appeal Heard: January 22, 2001

Judgment Delivered: January 22, 2001

**THE COURT:** Appeal dismissed per oral reasons for judgment of Bateman, J.A.;  
Chipman and Oland, J.J.A. concurring.

**BATEMAN, J.A. (Orally)**

- [1] The appellant says that these verdicts are unreasonable. An experienced trial judge rendered an oral decision responsive to the issues raised at trial. His verdict was primarily based upon his findings of credibility of the two complainants and the appellant as is so often the case with allegations of historical sexual assaults. He applied the correct test, expressly referring to the requirements of **R v. W.(D.)**, [1991] 1 S.C.R. 742.
- [2] We are not persuaded that a properly instructed trier of fact acting reasonably could not have rendered these verdicts. The appeal is dismissed.

Bateman, J.A.

Concurred in:

Chipman, J.A.

Oland, J.A.