

**NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL**

**Citation:** *R. v. Keizer*, 2007 NSCA 125

**Date:** 20071213

**Docket:** CAC 281746

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Glen Arthur Keizer

Appellant

v.

Her Majesty the Queen

Respondent

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**Judge:** Justice M. Jill Hamilton

**Appeal Heard:** November 19, 2007

**Subject:** **Criminal**

**Summary:** When Mr. Keizer was asked to move out of a house he had been allowed to live in he became upset, pushed the victim onto a couch, cut her neck with a knife and threatened to kill her. He was found guilty of assault with a weapon and sentenced to two years in jail.

**Issue:** Did the trial judge err in finding the item used by Mr. Keizer was a weapon or by accepting the testimony of the Crown witnesses? Was his trial counsel ineffective? Was the sentence imposed too high?

**Result:** Appeal dismissed. The judge did not err in finding the implement used by the offender was a weapon or in assessing the credibility and reliability of the Crown witnesses. The record indicates his trial counsel conducted his defence appropriately. His sentence was not demonstrably unfit given, among other things, his substantial criminal record.

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