IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

ROYAL OAK MINES INC.

(Plaintiff) Applicant

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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SMELTER AND ALLIED WORKERS LOCAL NO. 4, and BILL SHRAM, HARRY SEETON, BOB KOSTA, RICK CASSIDY, AL SHEARING, and ROBIN JANZ

(Defendants) Respondents



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DAVID MADSEN

(Alleged Contemnor) Respondent

Transcript of Judgment and Sentencing given by The Honourable Mr. Justice J.E. Richard, at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, on the 30th day of December A.D. 1992.

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V. Schuler, Ms., Q.C., Counsel for the Applicant

A. Marshall, Esq., Counsel for the Respondents

D. Miller, Esq. Appeared for the Crown

Cheryl Mendryk, Ms., Court Reporter

THE COURT: In giving my decision, on this application, I want to first of all repeat something that I said earlier today on the Simon hearing. Mr. Madsen wasn't present at that time.

The Court's function is to keep the peace and to prevent unlawful acts from occurring. The purpose of the Court's injunction order, when it was issued back in May, was simply to stablize the very volatile situation which was present at the mine site. The union was on lawful strike, the company was continuing to operate the mine, the Court's order simply laid out in fairly clear terms what could or could not happen at the mine site where emotions and anxieties were high on both sides.

The Court expected its order to be obeyed.

The community of Yellowknife and society generally expects court orders to be obeyed.

Notwithstanding Mr. Madsen's opinion of the injunction order, that order represents a minimal interference with the civil rights of anyone

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involved in the labor dispute, but had as its purpose, as I've said, the maintenance of peace in this community.

The evidence at this hearing indicates clearly that Mr. Madsen on this occasion, in the early evening hours of October 10th, deliberately and unlawfully entered onto the mine property.

This was just three weeks after an underground explosion occurred at the mine site, when nine men were killed, and at that time, Mr. Madsen was well aware that the mining company and its security personnal were quite concerned, and understandably so, about any unauthorized intrusions onto the mine property. Mr. Madsen's answer to this is, in effect, that he was just walking his dogs, and that it was open to him to do so on the mine property adjacent to the public highway.

This case is very similar to the cases that
the Court heard on earlier hearings involving Tim
Bettger and Amos Simon, and as much as I am
satisfied on the evidence that Mr. Madsen was
playing games with the Pinkerton security
personnal, putting the best light on this incident
in favor of Mr. Madsen, it might be said that he
was testing or challenging the limits of the
Court's injunction order, or it might be said he
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Well now, Mr. Madsen will have his ruling.

What he was doing on October 10th, 1992, was

"watching and besetting" at the mine site,

contrary to the expressed terms of the Court's

injunction order. And any similar behavior by him

in the future will in all likelihood result in a

jail term.

For the record, I'm satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that on October 10th, Mr. Madsen was well aware of the provisions of the injunction order and specifically that he was not to enter on to the mine property, that his conduct clearly constituted watching and besetting, that he defied or disobeyed the Court's order in a public way, with the knowledge that this public disobedience would tend to depreciate the respect and authority of the Court, and accordingly, I find him to be in contempt, criminal contempt of court.

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THE COURT:

I'd like to hear from Mr.

Madsen. Do you have anything to say, Mr. Madsen?

want to particularly hear you address what your

lawyer has just said about future compliance with

this Court's injunction order.

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MR. MADSEN: Well, I believe that I've demonstrated that compliance. Since I've been allowed back out on the line there's been no

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THE COURT: And you understand that means

no trespassing on to the property?

MR. MADSEN: Yes, sir.

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THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Madsen. I'm not going to impose any particular sanctions on you. You have your ruling and it should be abundantly clear that the Court expects compliance with the order to the letter, and there's very good reason for that, and I think you can figure out why. It's necessary in the circumstances of

I've heard evidence in this Court -- we have had many hearings of colleagues of yours pointing fingers at the Pinkertons, the bad guys, escalate things with their behavior, and evidence that I accept. Fortunately, the two that confronted you, Pike and the other fellow, Bazinet, didn't behave that way.

MR. MADSEN: May I say something --

THE COURT: Just a moment. The danger of you or anyone else going on to the property, even for a walk with your dogs, peaceful though that is, as Mr. Marshall says, it's going to incite an incident where perhaps there is not the best

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why the Court's order has to be obeyed and complied with to the letter to avoid those incidents, and I'm going to take you at your word that you're going to comply with that order and not impose any particular sanction, and I hope we don't see you back here in connection with this strike. Thank you. Close court. (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED) I, Cheryl Mendryk, C.S.R.(A), hereby certify that I attended the above Proceedings and took faithful and accurate shorthand notes and the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of my shorthand notes to the best of my skill and ability. Dated at the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, this 13th day of January, A.D. 1993.

Cheryl Mendryk, Ms.
Court Reporter.



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