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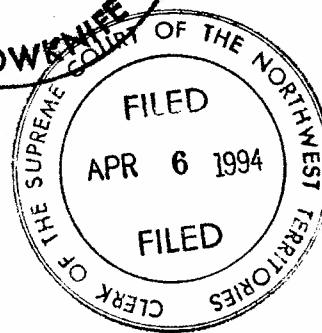
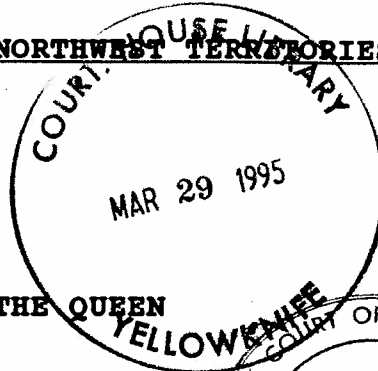
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- vs. -

TROY WILLIAM AMOS



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Transcript of the Sentence delivered by The Honourable  
Mr. Justice J.E. Richard, at Inuvik, in the Northwest  
Territories, on Friday, March 25th, A.D., 1994.

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APPEARANCES:

MR. R. KILPATRICK: Counsel for the Crown  
MS. J. LILLEGRAN: Counsel for the Accused

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(CHARGE UNDER s. 3(1) OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL ACT)

1       **THE COURT:**               Troy William Amos has been convicted  
2               of the crime of possession of narcotics contrary to  
3               Section 3(1) of the Narcotics Control Act. The  
4               substance in question, I am told, was some 25 grams of  
5               hashish plus 25 joints of cannabis marijuana which  
6               together apparently had a street value here in Inuvik  
7               of approximately \$550. Mr. Amos was apparently in the  
8               process of sending these illegal drugs to somebody in  
9               Sachs Harbour when he was caught.

10              Mr. Amos has been before the Courts many times  
11              since becoming an adult. He has an extensive criminal  
12              record of property related offences and has been sent  
13              to jail on seven or eight separate occasions over the  
14              years for periods ranging up to two years. He does  
15              not have any prior convictions involving the  
16              possession of illegal drugs.

17              Mr. Amos is now 29 years of age. In the Court's  
18              experience, most young men who have been repeatedly  
19              before the Courts and sent repeatedly back to jail,  
20              most of them usually come to their senses by the age  
21              of 29 although there are, of course, exceptions. Most  
22              of these young men get tired of coming to Court and  
23              going to jail where they just waste away their time  
24              when they could be doing more productive things with  
25              their time. Most of these young men, by the age of  
26              29, decide that they want to be better persons; that  
27              they want to do more productive things with their

1 life; and that they want to change their ways.

2 I am told that Mr. Amos has, in recent months,  
3 been making an effort to do just that. He has enrolled  
4 in adult education classes in order to upgrade his  
5 level of education to a Grade 12 equivalency and he is  
6 making plans, I am told, to obtain a trade. This is  
7 commendable, Mr. Amos, and the Court would encourage  
8 you to continue with these efforts. One of the  
9 aspects of growing up or maturing is to take  
10 responsibility for one's own conduct or one's own  
11 deeds. And, in this case, Mr. Amos must take  
12 responsibility for and pay the price for his foolish  
13 behaviour a year ago when he got involved with the  
14 illegal use of narcotics.

15 Although this foolish act happened one year ago,  
16 his case is only now coming before the Court for  
17 disposition and he will be paying the price for his  
18 foolish act long after the fact by having to find work  
19 and paying a substantial fine to the Government  
20 coffers. It is once again regrettable that it has  
21 taken this long, 11 months, for what appears to be a  
22 fairly straightforward case to come before the Court  
23 for disposition. Justice is better served and is more  
24 meaningful when the case is disposed of within a  
25 reasonable time after the offence. For example, if  
26 this case had been disposed of in J.P. Court or in  
27 Territorial Court, as it could have and should have

1           been eight or nine months ago, this unfortunate matter  
2           would be long behind Mr. Amos and he would today  
3           instead be getting on with the rest of his life and  
4           having an easier time in his efforts to turn over a  
5           new leaf.

6           Also, it is not just Mr. Amos who is affected by  
7           this undue delay in disposing of what appears to be a  
8           fairly straightforward case. There are a number of  
9           young men sitting in jail waiting for a date for their  
10          trial on serious criminal offences and who are unable  
11          to get an early trial date in this Court because the  
12          Court's dockets are filled with cases like this one  
13          which could have and should have been dealt with long  
14          ago by counsel in J.P. Court, in Territorial Court, or  
15          otherwise. I will say no more about that.

16          Please stand, Mr. Amos.

17          Mr. Amos, for the crime that you have committed,  
18          possession of a narcotic contrary to Section 3(1) of  
19          the Narcotics Control Act, it is the sentence of this  
20          Court that you serve a term of imprisonment of one day  
21          in jail which is deemed to have been served by your  
22          attendance in Court here today and in addition that  
23          you pay a fine in the amount of \$2,000 and in default,  
24          two months imprisonment. In addition, that you pay a  
25          Victim Fine surcharge in the amount of \$300 and in  
26          default, one week imprisonment consecutive. I will  
27          allow you five months within which to pay the \$2,300.

1           You may sit down.

2                   Is there anything else that has to be dealt with  
3           on this file, counsel?

4   MR. KILPATRICK:       No, My Lord.

5   THE COURT:            Ms. Lillegran?

6   MS. LILLEGRAN:        No, My Lord.

7   THE COURT:            Fine, then we will close Court.

8   **(AT WHICH TIME THIS MATTER CONCLUDED)**

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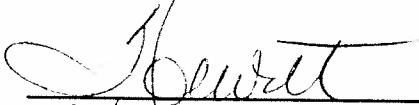
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