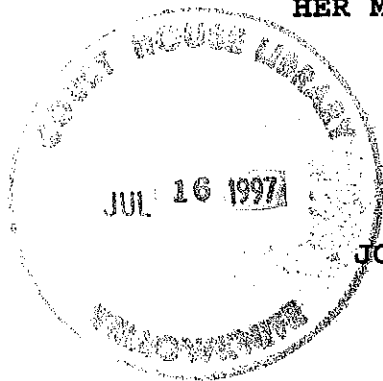


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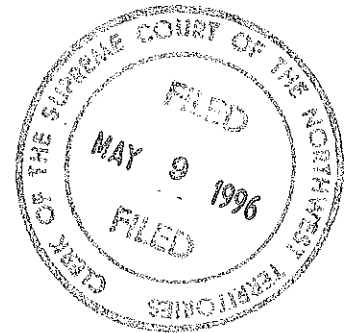
IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



- v -

JONAH KEYUAJUK



Transcript of the sentencing portion of the trial held before The Honourable Madame Justice M. M. Hetherington and jury, sitting in Pangnirtung, in the Northwest Territories, on the 24th day of April, A.D. 1996.

APPEARANCES:

MR. M. CHANDLER: Counsel for the Crown
MS. S. COOPER: Counsel for the Defence

1 THE COURT: The accused, in this case, has
2 pled guilty to one charge of using a weapon in
3 committing an assault.

4 He has admitted that he got into an argument with
5 the complainant about their son. During the course of
6 that argument, he held a knife to various parts of her
7 body and repeatedly threatened to kill her. The
8 complainant must have been terrified by this
9 experience. The complainant later went to the nursing
10 station. The nurse who looked after her, Ms.
11 Magnusson, testified that the complainant had many
12 superficial lacerations to various parts of her body
13 including her face. Ms. Magnusson also observed
14 bruising and abrasions in several areas.

15 The accused is 25 years old. He has a Grade 8
16 education. His employment record compares favorably
17 with that of other men in this community. He spent two
18 months at Arctic College where he took the Inshore
19 Fisheries course. His instructor, during that course,
20 has spoken well of him in a letter of reference which
21 is marked as Exhibit 3 in this matter. The accused now
22 has or has access to the equipment that he needs to
23 pursue commercial fishing in this area.

24 Unfortunately, the accused has a record of prior
25 criminal convictions which includes one conviction for
26 assault and one for assault with a weapon. He was on
27 judicial interim release when he committed the offense

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with which I am concerned. Subsequently, he was convicted of assault and sexual assault. His longest previous sentence was three months.

I accept the submissions of Ms. Cooper to the effect that the accused has spent three-and-a-half months in custody in relation to the offense with which I am concerned. It is, indeed, unfortunate that a young man with the abilities which this accused has displayed has been so frequently before the courts. I am particularly concerned, in this case, by the way in which he used the weapon he chose and the number of injuries inflicted even if, in the result, those injuries were not serious.

Will you stand, Mr. Keyuajuk. In relation to the offense for which you have entered a plea of guilty, I am going to sentence you to be imprisoned for a period of eight months.

Certified Pursuant to Practice Direction #20 dated December 28, 1987

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Court Reporter