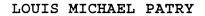
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -





Transcript of the Reasons for Sentence delivered by Justice J. Z. Vertes, in Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories, on the 9th day of March, A.D. 1998.

APPEARANCES:

MS. ULLA ARVANETES:

On behalf of the Crown

MR. A. MAHAR:

On behalf of the Defence

Charge under s. 4(1) CDSA

1	THE	COURT: The accused has been found guilty of
2		possession of cocaine. The charge is really, in a
3		technical sense, one of aiding and abetting the
4		purchase of cocaine, the amount of one gram being, I
5		gather, the sort of standard street purchase amount.
6		The accused even at a relatively young age has an
7		unenviable record, certainly considering his past
8		record, including a previous conviction for trafficking
9		and several assault related convictions. The next time
10		he appears in this court he can expect to be looking at
11		a very lengthy term of imprisonment no matter what the
12		charge is.
13		In this case he spent almost two months in
14		pre-trial custody, I have to take that into account.
15		It seems to me that simple possession as an aider and
16		abettor for one gram of cocaine should not ordinarily
17		attract a lengthy jail term, but I do have to consider
18		his previous record and especially the related
19		conviction.
20		Taking all things into account, I sentence the
21		accused to a term of imprisonment of seven days.
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23		Certified pursuant to Practice Direction #20 dated December 28,
24		1987.
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26		Annette Wright
27		Court Reporter