IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -

MARK KOCHON

Transcript of the oral sentencing delivered by His Honour Judge T.B. Davis, sitting at Colville Lake, in the Northwest Territories, Wednesday, March 25th, A.D. 1987.

APPEARANCES:

MR. B. BRUSER

MS. C. KENWOOD

Counsel for the Crown

Counsel for the Defence

INFORMATION (ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN) Northwest Canada ADJUDICATION & DISPOSITION COURT NUMBER CHARGE/READ: 124342 TORE AND STICE CROWN ELECTION: J.P. or Judge's Number Summary Conviction: Indictment: ACCUSED ELECTION: THIS IS THE INFORMATION OF Robert Peter DUNLAP (Insert full name, residence and occupation of informant) A Member of The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories A Peace Officer Hereinafter Called the Informant THE INFORMANT SAYS THAT he has reasonable and probable If the informant is not personal knowledge, state that he has reasonable and probable grounds to believe and does believe and state the offence) FAILURE TO APPEAR: Bench Warrant Issued: grounds to believe and does believe that Mark KOCHON JUDGE OR JUSTICE on or about the 9th day of AUGUST 1986, at or near the outpost of Colville Lake, in the North EVERY TIME THIS INFORMATION IS DEALT WITH APPROPRIATE ENTRIES SHALL BE MADE ON THE west Territories, did commit forcible entry on the real property Alfred MASAZUMI at the out-post of Colville Lake in the Northwest Terri-DISPOSITION Convicted: Withdrawn: tories contrary to Section 74 of the Criminal Code. J.P. COSTS: COUNT #2 POLICE COSTS: on or about the 9th day of AUGUST 1986, at or near the outpost of Colville Lake, in the North RESTITUTION: west Territories, DID Assault Alfred MASAZUMI TOTAL: contrary to Section 245 of the Criminal Code. DEFAULT: TIME TO PAY: SUSPENDED SENTENCE: CARD CONDITIONAL DISCH: ABSOLUTE DISCH: OIS PROBATION FOR: IMPRISONMENT FOR: D.B.S. J.P. B. DAVIC. JUDG M.V.B, STATISTICS DATE OF BIRTH: 64 JAN 08 X DRIVER'S LICENCE:

MARITAL STATUS: Single AUGUST Sworn before me this A.D. 19 <u>8</u>6 Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories

Robert Peter DUNLAP Signature of Informant

Aues Jacks-(Lucy JACKSON)J. A Judge or Justice of the Pothe Northwest Territories, Appearance

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THE COURT: Mark Kochon, who is twenty-three years of age and has two previous convictions for assault or assault causing bodily harm between 1980 and 1984, admits that when he was intoxicated he went to a home in the form of a tent and entered the premises when he was asked not to, and because of his condition while he was looking for alcohol, he assaulted Alfred Masazumi, who was in his home and who finally had to use force to control Mr. Kochon, who certainly was making a nuisance of himself at that time. Fortunately, Mr. Masazumi was able to control the situation and, in fact, tied the hands of Mr. Kochon until he was able to calm Mr. Kochon down sufficiently to release him. The accused was very drunk on that occasion.

Crown counsel has certainly pointed out the need in this community for the Court to impose sentences that would indicate that people are expected to deal with one another in a proper way rather than being in a position to assault somebody, because Police services and protection services are not conveniently available. Crown feels that this matter of entering somebody's home and punching them is so serious that I should consider a jail term in light of the fact that the accused spent some time in jail before on an assault charge. If it were not for the fact that Mr. Kochon has now become a father and has indicated through counsel that he would like to take a twenty-eight day alcohol abuse program, I would be inclined to feel that jail is an appropriate consideration by the Court.

Since he has indicated his interest in his

own rehabiliation and his efforts to attempt to stay away from alcohol, I would prefer to encourage him to do that rather than just have him go into jail in the form of punishment. Because it is obvious in most of the communities that the Court travels to that many of the offences result from consumption of alcohol. Therefore, if Mark Kochon is being truthful through his counsel, he then can improve his standing in the community by being one of the people who tries to overcome an alcohol problem.

It is very obvious that communities can do it if a few people try and show that it is possible. It is obvious to the Court when we travel around that Snowdrift, Fort Rae and Fort Resolution have all taken steps to cause the community to try and overcome their problems resulting from alcohol, and they have had people from Alkali Lake in British Columbia attend those communities and are making substantial efforts at their own rehabilitation.

Mr. Kochon, I am not going to put you in jail today, even though it is the third offence of an assault nature, because you have indicated that you do want to take rehabiliation and I am expecting that you will do so. I am going to require that you attend some rehabiliation in a probation order instead, but because it is the third offence and I want to ensure that you understand this is of a serious nature even though the circumstances were not substantially serious, I am going to impose a high fine, which you, fortunately, at this time can pay, because you have been very fortunate in your trapping endeavors. If you hadn't been, I might have had no choice but

to put you in jail, because I do feel something must be done to ensure that people stay away from assaulting others, especially when they are under the influence of alcohol and don't know what they do at times after it happens.

In this instance, the fine will be in the amount of Four hundred and fifty dollars, or in default thereof two months in jail. I consider that a very small fine under the circumstances, although it still should be a fairly substantial amount. Mr. Kochon is going to be on probation for a period of one year, and he will be required to report to the probation officer when and as directed. You will be required to participate in any alcohol counselling or alcohol treatment program directed by the probation officer or as directed by the probation officer or as directed by the probation officer. The program itself doesn't have to be, but you will participate as directed. Will that assist you in ensuring that you do follow through on that program? How long will it take to pay the fine?

MS. KENWOOD:

Two months, Your Honour.

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THE COURT:

He will be allowed two months to pay the fine.

Certified a correct transcript,

Jill MacDonald, Court Reporter.