IN THE YOUTH COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

 IN THE MATTER BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



- and -

J.K.

Transcript of the Oral Judgment of His Honour Judge R.W. Halifax, sitting at Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories, on Monday, October 20th, A.D., 1986.

APPEARANCES:

B. BRUSER, ESQ.:

Counsel for the Crown

R. REHN, ESQ.:

Counsel for the Defence

THE COURT: Now, it seems from the report, Mr. K., that you have been absenting yourself, as well, from the various placements.

I read from the summary of the predisposition report, he has a history of being A.W.O.L. from the various number of group homes and foster homes in Fort Smith and Coppermine. Despite his young age, J. already has an extensive criminal record. J. is a youth who has lacked parental guidance and control. In view of his home situation, J. requires a structured environment, where his behavior can be modified, such as in the group home.

I have some difficulty with the recommendation of a group home, when we're sitting there with a paragraph above it telling me about all the various unlawfully at large situations that he has been in while he was in a group home. It doesn't seem to make much sense to me. It seems to me all the Department has recommended is a continuation of what has already occurred which is obviously not satisfactory behavior, under the circumstances.

I don't see that Mr. K. is really in a much different situation than his co-offender. Basically what has happened is that after continually being A.W.O.L. -- it more properly is being unlawfully at large -- on various numbers of occasions, there is finally a charge of escaping custody.

In the circumstances, I don't see that there is any real difference between these two offenders when it comes down to this offence. I therefore sentence you, Mr. K., to a total

of six months custody, the first two months to be secure custody, followed by four months open custody. That is six months from today.

(AT WHICH TIME THE JUDGMENT WAS CONCLUDED)

Certified a correct transcript,

Debora I. Chipperfield, Court Reporter.