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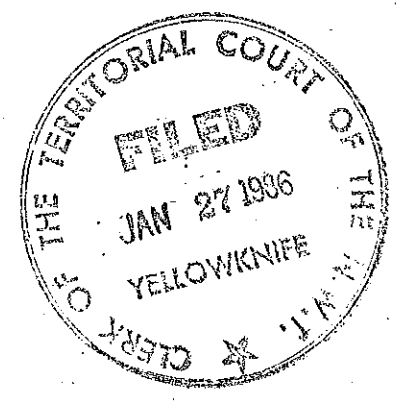
IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -

CLARENCE ROBERT ALEXI



Transcript of the Oral Reasons for Sentence delivered
by His Honour Judge R. M. Bourassa, sitting at Fort
McPherson, in the Northwest Territories, on Wednesday,
October 9, A.D. 1985.

APPEARANCES:

MR. J. R. SHIPLEY On behalf of the Crown
MR. R. REID On behalf of the Defence

1 THE COURT: Mr. Alexi might just as well be seated beside Ms.
2 Jerome. I find it very difficult to understand why someone
3 can't realize they're killing themselves drinking; and Mr.
4 Alexi, who has got seven previous convictions, who obviously
5 has a problem with alcohol, doesn't believe that he has a
6 problem. Once again, we have an individual who sober is a
7 nice person, but when he drinks he goes into an alcoholic,
8 violent, vicious rage; and from the evidence given to me by
9 the Crown, he must have been chasing his sister around and
10 beating her for blood to be found in an 80 square foot area.
11 The assault must have gone on for a period of time.

12 Once again, the pre-sentence report shows this prob-
13 lem with alcohol that the accused is well aware of, but just
14 ignores. Reading from it, "when he's drinking, he's another
15 person altogether. Clarence stated that he has thought about
16 alcohol treatment, but hasn't tried to find out information
17 about the program. Clarence stated if he was not drinking
18 this offence would not have happened." Well, if he knew
19 those things, why did he drink? At another place, "Clarence
20 admits that he was drinking himself when this assault took
21 place. He realizes that he can't control his anger and
22 temper, and he can't solve his problem by beating up another
23 person," and yet there is suggestion of alcohol abuse in the
24 past on his record. It is really unfortunate that a man who
25 is probably not a basically bad person is killing himself,
26 and darn well coming close to killing other people, because
27 of his fondness for drink.

1 I don't know what to do about it. I'm sure jail
2 isn't the ultimate answer. The Court is going to have to
3 try to protect people, and as long as people like Mr. Alexi
4 refuse to do something about their problem with alcohol, the
5 Court is going to have to protect society by putting people
6 like Mr. Alexi in jail. This assault is vicious, it's awful
7 it's disgusting. There is no room for it.

8 With respect to the escape, I don't agree with
9 defence counsel's suggestion that it was a natural thing to
10 do; understandable, perhaps, but not natural. But I think
11 a bolt and run situation like this has to be looked at a
12 little differently than a planned program of escape.

13 The breach of undertaking speaks for itself. They
14 are all out-shadowed by the assault.

15 Stand up, please, Mr. Alexi. With respect to the
16 assault, I'm going to sentence you to ten months imprisonment.
17 With respect to the escape, one month imprisonment, consecu-
18 tive. With respect to the failure to comply with your under-
19 taking, one month imprisonment concurrent. I am taking into
20 account the fact that he has spent some time in custody; al-
21 though, I am attributing relatively modest weight to it,
22 because he was in jail not because of this offence of assault
23 but because he didn't comply with the terms of an undertaking.
24 (AT WHICH TIME THIS MATTER WAS CONCLUDED.)

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27 Certified a correct transcript:

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