IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -

NIVIAQSI LAISA



Transcript of the Oral Reasons for Sentence delivered by His Honour Judge T. B. Davis, sitting at Frobisher Bay, in the Northwest Territories, on Wednesday, May 14, A.D. 1986.

APPEARANCES:

MR. N. SHARKEY

MR. B. A. BRUSER On behalf of the Crown

On behalf of the Defence

INFORMATION (ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN)

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CHARGE READ: / 7 /	COURT NUMBER
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CROWN ELECTION:	J.P. or Judge's Number
Summary Conviction: Indictment:	
ACCUSED ELECTION:	THIS IS THE INFORMATION OF Philip Charles JOHISON (Insert full name, residence and occupation of informant)
Magritrate: Judge & Jury: Judge:	of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
TRATE JUDGE OR JUSTICE	OF Cape Dorset, Northwest Territories
PLEA: Guilty: Mot Guilty:	a page officer Hereinafter Called the Informant
DATE JUDGE OR JUSTICE FAILURE TO APPEAR:	THE INFORMANT SAYS THAT he has reasonable and probable (If the informant has not personal knowledge, state that he has reasonable and probable grounds to believe and does believe and state the offence)
Bench Warrant Issued:	grounds to believe and does believe that
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↑ ↑ DISPOSITION	on or about the second day of May, 1986
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FINE:	the Northwest Territories, did unlawfully break and enter a certain place, namely,
J.P. COSTS:	the Department of Public Works ware- house with intent to commit an indictable
POLICE COSTS:	offence therein, contrary to Section 306(1)(a) of the Criminal Code.
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TIME TO PAY:	on or about the second day of way, 1986,
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T FINE:	the Northwest Territories, did unlawfully and wilfully kill research, the property of Timoon ALARIAQ, that was kept for a lawful
J.P. COSTS:	purpose, contrary to Section 401(a) of the Criminal Code.
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THE COURT: Niviaqsi Laisa appears before the Court today

having entered pleas of guilty to break and enter with intent

to commit a criminal offence on the 2nd of May, and two days

later with unlawfully killing a dog which was owned by the

person who had been the witness to the earlier break and

enter offence, the killing of the dog being contrary to

Section 401(a) of the Criminal Code and being a summary con
viction offence.

The accused, along with others, had broken into a warehouse with the intention of taking some propane for the purposes of sniffing and had entered the building by removing something from a window in the Public Works Warehouse. It appears that the group that were involved w ith that offence then each took a young pup from the person who had reported their break and enter offence and each killed a pup.

Four out of six of the dogs in the team that the witness had for a few weeks—between six and eight weeks of age—were killed, so the team was eliminated when the persons killed them by smashing them against a tank. The maximum sentence on the dog offence is six months.

Crown counsel has suggested that because the accused has a substantial criminal record, and over ten break and enter offences, that the Court should consider a substantial jail term, possibly taking into account both offences to total a term in penitentiary, which would mean over two years. It won't be too long before that would be a consideration that the Court would take seriously if the

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accused continues to be committing offences, because in 1982, I believe it was in the Nickerson case in the Appeal Court in Nova Scotia a repeat offender with a long criminal record was sentenced to five years in jail on a mischief charge, and the Appeal Court confirmed the conviction and sentence because the Court felt that if a person continues to break the law, the only way to protect the public is to put them in jail and leave them there. I'm not going to do that today with the accused because I am hoping that he will now soon get to the point of realizing that he is wasting his life away spending time in jail for these offences. In March of 1985, he was sentenced to a total of one year in jail for three counts of break and enter and a concurrent sentence of eight months for one additional break and enter offence, and also to serve six months consecutive for an escape lawful custody and fourteen days consecutive for a mischief charge. I feel, therefore, that the eight month term imposed by the Court in March of 1985, is more of a stepping stone that the Court would consider in this instance than a substantial jump beyond that, because prior to that on the break and enter offences he received one month and three months, and on one occasion did go up as high as fourteen months.

I have to take into account as well what defence counsel has said with respect to the offences themselves, and maybe at this time not quite justifying penitentiary time, so that I am going to give the benefit to the accused on this occasion even though he is a substantial repeater of break

and enters and I hope that this time he will learn by spending another period of time in jail.

On the break and enter offence, therefore, I am going to impose nine months in jail. On the charge under Section 401 of the Code, I am recognizing that the accused was retaliating against a person who probably he was mad at, and I'm going to impose a few extra months in jail on that offence; and at this time I'm recognizing or acknowledging that I am not considering this to be a charge that I had for a moment thought might be related -- and that is, interference with the administration of justice by acting in a way against a possible witness. So, I am only today going to deal with it as nothing more than an exhibit of the accused's annoyance at the victim who owned the dogs, because of course the victim did loose possibly by the actions of a group of people a dog team that he was probably hoping to have as a good On that charge, therefore, I am going to impose an team. additional three months in jail. That will be required to be served consecutively.

Do you understand all that, Mr. Laisa?

(Accused nods head.)

(AT WHICH TIME THIS MATTER WAS CONCLUDED.)

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Edna Thiessen, Court Reporter

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