IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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Transcript of the oral sentencing delivered by His Honour Judge T.B. Davis, sitting at Cape Dorset, in the Northwest Territories, Friday, March 14th, A.D. 1986

APPEARANCES:

MS. N. BOILLAT

MR. N. SHARKEY

Counsel for the Crown

Counsel for the Defence

DRIVER'S LICENCES Single MARITAL STATÚS: 1 CEMBERONS Sworn before me this A.D., 19 853

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Justice of the Peace

Signature of Informant

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admitting that on September the 29th, 1985 he observed a seventeen year old cousin who was going to her home early in the morning and invited her to visit with him, but when she refused she went to her house, locked her door, because she felt the possibility that the accused might follow her. She heard somebody then come in the other door, which was unlocked in the house, and she thought she heard that person leave, but, in fact, after she then went from her parent's bedroom to go to sleep on the couch in the living room the accused approached her and for a couple of hours assaulted her to the extent that he warned her not to make any noise and he attempted to touch her and remove her panties. After a while he left with a threat that if she were to disclose to anybody was in the house or anybody of what had happened that he would kill her and possibly kill himself.

The accused was subsequently arrested for this offence and had indicated to the Court that at the time of the offence he was intoxicated. There was no substantial violence used, but the accused did struggle with the victim sufficiently to ensure that she, as a crippled girl who requires crutches, was not able to get away from him during this ordeal.

The accused is a man who comes before the

Court with a substantial record going back as far as 1973 and

carrying on right until August of 1985, which record includes

jail terms for various offences over that period of time. From

the evidence that the Court has heard at the sentencing hearing

today and from the submissions made, it is obvious that in the early part or the middle of December, 1985 the accused joined a Church and has changed his entire way of life. I am satisfied after hearing the evidence that there has been such a dramatic change that it is not necessary for me to put emphasis on specific deterrence, because I believe the accused himself has made efforts at rehabilitation which would, if anything, be far more effective than any kind of penalty I could impose for the purposes of specific deterrence or, in other words, for the purposes of stopping the accused from committing offences.

Another consideration, however, that is necessary by the Court in order to protect the public is to impose sentences that will deter other persons and the public from committing similar offences because they know that penalties will be imposed. Therefore, for the purpose of public deterrence I feel that I must consider some form of penalty for the accused, because the principles of sentencing have required the Courts to consider public deterrence as a major It therefore is possible for the Court to look at . factor. other cases of somewhat similar natures and facts and circumstances, because they assist the Court in determining what might be an appropriate sentence to be imposed. was a recent case in Frobisher Bay where a man with a good background while he was intoxicated entered a house and attempted to have sex with a woman who he found asleep. He was honest and cooperative with the Police, showed remorse,

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and the Merritorial Court at that time felt that for the purposes of general deterrence a sixty day jail term should still be imposed, even though the person had a good background, no criminal record and was well thought of in the community.

I feel in this instance before me today that I also have to impose a short jail term on the accused, even though I recognize that he himself has started on his own rehabilitation and that the Court need not concern itself with that aspect of the sentencing principles. But because of the offence and its type I am sure the accused under these circumstances will know that there must be some penalty imposed, and since there has been such a change in the circumstances of the accused and I feel that he will stay out of trouble, for the purposes of general deterrence only in this instance I am going to impose twenty-five days in jail. I will allow that to be served intermittently, recognizing that that might be very inconvenient locally, but taking into account that the Appeal Courts have directed in the past that the trial Judge must not concern himself with the inconvenience or the inability of the facilities to provide the necessary services.

When would the time be most conveniently served by the accused, and I will check and see if that's possible to be provided. Would weekends be the right time?

MR. SHARKEY: Well, whenever they can get quards.

THE COURT: It might be that the accused would find it easier to spend the time directly. Does he wish to have intermittent sentencing and if so, when does he thing it might be most helpful-

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Well, sir, he would prefer to serve his sentence MR. SHARKEY: 1 here in the community. 2 When is the most convenient time for the quards THE COURT: to be available, if they are going to be available, for the serving of the time? The Court will just have to give a time and MS. BOILLAT: 6 arrangements will have to be made, sir. 7 THE COURT: All right. Then we will suggest serving from Friday at seven p.m. to Monday at seven a.m. will be the weekly 9 periods, and the first one to begin on Friday, the 14th day 10 of March, 1986. 11 Do you understand that sentence? You will be 12 placed on probation for the period of the sentence. The Clerk 13 will be preparing the probation order, and you will, of course, 14 have to appear each week thereafter to serve the time here in 15 Cape Dorset and report to the R.C.M.P. Station in the proper 16 state on each Friday at seven o'clock until the time is served. 17 Does that complete our docket for today? 18 MR. SHARKEY: There is another Information on--19 THE COURT: Yes, there is another charge of assaulting a 20 Police Officer in the execution of his duty. 21 MS. BOILLAT: To be withdrawn, sir. 22 23 Certified a correct transcript, 24 25 26 Jill MacDonald, Court Reporter.

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