### IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

VS

#### KOOTOO MANNO

Transcript of the Oral Sentencing delivered by His Honour Judge R.M. Bourassa, sitting at Frobisher Bay in the Northwest Territories on Tuesday, March 5th, A.D 1985.

#### APPEARANCES:

Ms. Nancy Boillat,

Mr. J.W. Bovard,

Ms. J.K. Harrigan,

Counsel for the Crown.

Counsel for the Defence.

Court Reporter.





## PROSECUTOR'S INFORMATION SHEET



# FICHE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS À L'USAGE DU PROCUREUR

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MR. BOVARD: Your Honour, Mr. Manno had originally elected, I see from Mr. Foldats' notes --THE COURT: Trial by jury on a charge of 421 and a break and enter. MR. BOVARD: He would like to re-elect, Your Honour. Trial by Consent. THE COURT: Trial by Consent? MS. BOILLAT: Yes. THE COURT: Kootoo Manno, on a charge of attempting to steal cash, the property of Nordair Limited, 10 of a value exceeding \$200 on the 15th of January, 1985, 11 you elected trial by Judge, alone. Do you now wish to 12 re-elect trial by Territorial Court Judge without a jury? 13 MR. BOVARD: 14 Say yes. THE ACCUSED: 15 Yes. THE COURT: 16 How do you plead to that charge, 17 guilty or not guilty? 18 MR. BOVARD: Your Honour, he pleads not guilty to the charge as read, but guilty to a lesser included 19 20 offence of theft under \$200. 21 THE COURT: Crown consent? 22 MS. BOILLAT: Yes, sir. 23 THE CLERK: Information number, sir? 24 THE COURT: That's 95. 25 THE CLERK: Thank you. 26 THE COURT: On the charge of break, enter and theft on the 23rd of January, 1985, you elected trial by



1	Judge, alone. Do you n	ow wish to re-elect trial by
2	Territorial Court Judge	without a jury?
3	THE ACCUSED:	Yes.
4	THE COURT:	How do you plead to that charge;
5	guilty or not guilty?	
6	THE ACCUSED:	Guilty.
1	THE COURT:	There is a matter of a not guilty
8	plea to possession of s	tolen property.
9	MR. BOVARD:	He wishes to change his plea, Your
10	Honour.	
11	THE COURT:	On the 15th of January, 1985, you
12	pleaded not guilty to a	charge of possession of an ivory
13	ring and three ivory per	ndants of a value not exceeding \$200;
14	do you now wish to plead	d guilty?
15	THE ACCUSED:	Yes.
16	THE CLERK:	Information number, sir?
17	THE COURT:	Ninety-four.
18	On the charge of ca	arrying a concealed weapon, a
19	double-edged knife, how	do you plead to that charge; guilty
20	or not guilty?	
21	MR . BOVARD:	Your Honour, I think the Crown has
22	a submission with regard	to that.
23	MS. BOILLAT:	Yes, sir. That charge has been
24	withdrawn.	$\overline{t}_{\ell}$ ,
25	THE COURT:	Mark that withdrawn at the request
26	of the Crown.	
27	You are also charge	ed on the 26th of January with an



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	offence of break, enter	and theft or break and enter in
	committing an indictabl	e offence at the Frobisher Bay Housing
	Association. On this c	harge you have the option to elect
	to be tried by a Territ	orial Court Judge sitting without
	a jury, a judge sitting	without a jury or a court composed
	of a judge and a jury.	How do you choose to be tried?
	THE ACCUSED:	Territorial Court.
	THE COURT:	How do you plead; guilty or not
	guilty?	-
	THE ACCUSED:	Guilty.
	THE COURT:	Crown election on the 133?
	MS. BOILLAT:	Summary, sir.
	THE COURT:	You are also charged on the 26th
	of January with failing	to comply with a condition of your
	undertaking to keep the	peace and be of good behaviour;
	how do you plead to tha	t charge, guilty or not guilty?
	THE ACCUSED:	Guilty.
	THE COURT:	You are also charged on the offence
	of break, enter and the	ft at the Department of Renewable
\$	Resources on the 26th or	f January. How do you choose to
	be tried on that charge	?
	THE ACCUSED:	Territorial Court Judge.
	THE COURT:	How do you plead; guilty or not
	guilty?	:
	THE ACCUSED:	Guilty.
	THE COURT:	Please sit down. I'll hear the
	facts from the Crown att	corney. Will you give them to me
	chronologically?	



MS. BOILLAT:

Yes, sir.

With regards, firstly, to the theft, possession of stolen property, sir --

THE COURT:

Go ahead.

MS. BOILLAT: The items in question, this ivory ring and pendant were in the possession of the accused as

between the 13th day of October and the 22nd day of November,

1984. They had been stolen from the Co-Op here at Frobisher Bay, and Mr. Manno knew of that.

He then sold one of these pendants to a Mr. Owpaluk for an amount of \$15 during the early part of November, 1984 at House 307C, Frobisher Bay.

The item that was sold to Mr. Owpaluk was definitely the property of the Co-Op here, sir.

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The value of the property?

MS. BOILLAT:

It was sold for \$15. The value

at the Co-Op is \$30.

THE COURT:

The value of all of the stuff?

MS. BOILLAT:

The total is approximately \$100.

THE COURT:

Are those facts admitted as true,

Mr. Bovard?

MR. BOVARD:

Yes, Your Honour.

MS. BOILLAT:

With regards to the offence of the

29th of October, the attempted theft under, on that date at approximately 7:45 p.m. Mr. Manno and another individual

entered the Nordair cargo warehouse asking for one of the

employees there.



The employee was not working and was told by individuals there to leave the premises. Mr. Manno left for a few minutes and they then both returned to the warehouse office when there was no one around.

Mr. Manno attempted to open the safe, and in doing so, he broke the handle off.

The other individual that was with him was looking around the office. There was nothing taken; however, it was indicated by Mr. Manno in his sworn statement that if there had been something he most definitely would have taken it.

Mr. Manno was carrying a tire wrench at that time.

It was taken from the workshop out at the cargo, but he left it there when he was chased out by a returning employee. There was a cash value of \$3,000 in the safe at the time of the offence.

THE COURT: Was cash in the safe, or the safe has a value of \$3,000?

MS. BOILLAT: No, sir. The safe had cash in it of \$3,000; however, it was not actually broken into -- attempted.

THE COURT: Well, how does that put the guilty plea to attempted theft of under \$200?

MR. BOVARD: Your Honour, he didn't know what was in the safe. There's no way -- well, my submission is that it couldn't be proven that he was attempting to steal anything over \$200 because there was no way of him knowing



what was inside. It could have been empty, for all he knew.

He didn't have any inside knowledge that there was anything
in the safe.

MS. BOILLAT: The facts, sir, are that the safe was never opened. The handle was broken, but it was not opened.

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All right.

MS. BOILLAT: With regards to the break and enter of the 1st of January -- on the 1st of January Mr. Manno, the accused, was visiting Mr. David Audlakiak, the victim in this matter, at House 119 in Frobisher Bay. The victim was there with his wife and two other friends. They stayed for a while, and then, all left at approximately 0230 hours. Mr. Manno also departed that residence at that time and went his separate way. However, he returned to the house a short time after while the house was empty, forced open the back door. There was a minimal amount of damage done. The door catch was broken off.

Once inside Mr. Manno stole two bottles of liquor and a case of beer. He then departed the house. He ran next door and attempted to borrow a snowmobile there, and while there dropped off one of the bottles of liquor.

THE COURT:

Are those facts admitted as true?

MR. BOVARD:

Yes, Your Honour.

MS. BOILLAT:

With regards to the 26th of January,

in regards to the break and enter, the accused broke into

the Renewable Resources Wildlife Office by prying open a door.



1	Stolen from within the	his office was a polar bear hide,
2	as well as a Baycrest TV	cassette recorder.
3	Total value is estima	ated at \$1,500. Both items have
4	been recovered.	
5	Later on in that same	e evening Mr. Manno used a crowbar
6	to break into the Frobishe	er Bay Housing Association Office.
1	Once inside he forced oper	n the safe rendering it useless
8	and stole approximately \$2	230. This money has not been
9	recovered.	
10	THE COURT: A	re those facts admitted as true
11	on both charges?	•
12	MR. BOVARD: Ye	es. The only thing that is not
13	admitted is the taking of	the TV cassette recorder.
14	THE COURT: Do	pes Crown wish to comment on that?
15	MS. BOILLAT: No	o. Mr. Manno was on an undertaking.
16	MR. BOVARD: Th	nat's admitted, Your Honour.
17	MS. BOILLAT: At	the time of committing both of
18	those offences, sir.	
19	THE COURT: Th	ank you.
20	On sentence?	
21	MS. BOILLAT: Ye	s, Your Honour.
22	MR. BOVARD: Th	e record is admitted, Your Honour.
23	THE COURT: Ok	ay.
24	MS. BOILLAT:	tender Mr. Manno's record, Your
25	Honour.	
26	Your Honour will note	the very substantial record of
27	Mr. Manno, and I submit, s	ir, one of the more lengthy, if



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26 27 not the most lengthy, criminal records that has been presented to Your Honour today.

Mr. Manno has consistently been involved in property-related offences, having received very lengthy terms of incarceration.

Referring notably to an offence in 1979 when he was sentenced to 23 months in relation to break and enters.

In May, 1982 two again break and enters with two years, less a day. He was paroled, and, as Your Honour will note, as indicated on the criminal record, a parole violator and was recommitted to serve -- into custody.

THE COURT:

When was he released; do you have

any indication?

MS. BOILLAT:

I don't have that information, Your

Honour.

Several of these offences, sir, occurred outside of this jurisdiction.

Mr. Manno is again before the Court, Your Honour, on the same type of offence, beginning in November of last year attempting to break and enter or entering into the safe. Then, as of this year, sir, he's been involved in consistent break and enters on January the 1st, and then, some 25 days later the break and enters on the same day, and I submit a bearing factor that he was on an undertaking at the time.

Most particularly, in regards to the latter two offences I submit that again in a range of break and enters they are



not minor and that substantial amounts were taken in regards to the break and enter that occurred on the 1st of January. Sir, I point out that again it's a private dwelling, which is considered as more serious by the Courts.

I submit that Mr. Kootoo Manno took advantage, knowing full well that the occupants of the house had left, having undoubtedly seen the liquor there and taking advantage of the situation.

Sir, because of Mr. Manno's substantial record for practically and solely break and enters, sir, I again submit that there comes a point where Your Honour must consider a penitentiary time or time certainly close to penitentiary time, because of the previous lengthy periods of incarceration. I leave it up to Your Honour as to what the appropriate sentence, sir, will be in this matter.

THE COURT:

Mr. Boyard.

MR. BOVARD:

Thank you, Your Honour.

Regarding these offences, Your Honour, I'd submit that some of them are on the minimal end of things.

The break-in at the Renewable Resources, he took a polar bear skin and he left. He was a bit drunk, and then, he left and as soon as he left he threw it away outside of the Renewable Resources, and then a few days later, when he was arrested, he took the police back to where it was and they recovered it. Nothing was lost in that particular offence.

He broke into the Housing Association and took \$230.



That perhaps is the one where the most was lost in terms of what was taken and the damage done, but nevertheless, I still submit that it's not one of the worst break and enters that will come before the Court; and also, the event at Nordair. It appears that all that happened was the handle was broken off of the safe there, although there was a substantial amount of money in the safe. He didn't know how much was in there and nothing wound up being taken, anyway.

Your Honour, with regard to his background, he's 31 years old. He was born in Cape Dorset. He lived most of his life between Cape Dorset and Frobisher Bay. He has served a lot of time in jail, but the times that he hasn't been in jail he has been living in Cape Dorset, mainly. He's been in Frobisher Bay about four years. He has a Grade 8 education. He was educated in Montreal. He has some relatives in Frobisher Bay and usually stays with them when he's here. He's not married. He's a single man, although he has one four year old daughter. He was unemployed when he was arrested; however, he has worked before in Frobisher Bay at the Legion as a busboy and he (inaudible) again as a dishwasher. He hasn't had a very extensive work history. He's been in custody on consent since January 29th, and he's been up at the R.C.M.P. cells.

Your Honour, in speaking with Mr. Manno about his background there is certain aspects of it which I feel are important for the Court to know, and I think that he could



- probably explain them a lot more eloquently than I could,
- and therefore, I'd like to call Mr. Manno to the witness
- stand for that purpose.
- (KOOTOO MANNO, SWORN, EXAMINED BY MR. BOVARD)
- Mr. Manno, can you tell the Court where you lived up until
- you were about nine or ten years old?
- 7 A I used to live in -- I was born in Cape Dorset back in '53,
- and when I was born my mother died.
- 9 Q Hmm hmm. Who did you live with when your mother died?
- 10 A That I really don't know. I can't say who I was living
- with when I was growing up in Cape Dorset.
- 12 Q Okay. How about your father; where was he?
- 13 A My father was in the hospital. He spent 17 years in the
- 14 hospital.
- 15 Q Where was that?
- 16 A Mostly down South; Montreal, Toronto. They even took him
- down to the States. They never got him going.
- 18 Q What was wrong with him?
- 19 A He had some kind of TB.
- 20 Q Where is he now?
- A He died in Edmonton about six or seven years ago.
- 22 Q Have you spent all of your life in the Northwest Territories?
- No, I haven't. I spent nine years down South.
- When did you go down South first?
- That was back in 1962 or '63.
- Q How old were you then?
- A About ten.



- Where did you go?
- They took me to a place -- a Browndale farm -- not a Browndale farm, a boys' farm in Montreal in Sulbridge (phonetics).
- Q Hmm hmm.

- And I spent five years there.
- Can you tell us what it was like for you to be in that kind of atmosphere?
- Well, I really don't know. Like they throw me away. Like

  I was not like a person at all. I didn't have any interpreter,

  and I didn't have any friends, and I didn't know what was

  going on for at least three years I was there. I finally

  said something to somebody that I didn't mean. I didn't
- 14 Q Did you speak English when you went down to the boys' farm in Montreal?
- 16 A I didn't know one word.
- 17 Q How long was it before you started speaking English?
- 18 A About three and a half years I was in there I started, you
- know -- started a little bit of talking in English.
- 20 Q Were there other Inuit in that farm?

really know what it meant.

- 1 A No, I was all alone. Like I didn't know anybody there,
- and I didn't have any interpreter. They just left me there
- for five years I was in there.
- Where did you go after you left there?
- A After I spent five years in there they tried for me to
- Toronto, the place called Browndale Farm in Ontario. There
- was a few of them in Ontario that I went to -- Halburton



(phonetics), Oakridges (phonetics), Minden (phonetics), New Market (phonetics); you know, all outside of Ontario.

When I got there I never really knew why they put me in there in the first place. Like it was worse. It got worse than where I was down in Montreal. It even got worse. It was the same thing. No friends, you know, didn't know anybody. Every time I get into any kind of trouble they used to haul me down on the floor for two or three hours holding me for no reason at all. You know, it was very hard life when I was growing up down there; especially when you don't know anybody.

- What kind of people were in those homes that you were in?
  What were they like?
- They were, you know -- no offence to anybody, but they were, you know, terrible to me. They were what you call retarded people. They don't know what was going on, and I sort of, you know, got that kind of attitude myself for being there for no reason at all, and that's how I grew up.
- 19 Q How long were you in these Browndale homes?
- A I was there four years.

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- Did you have any contact with any Inuits during that time?
- Nobody at all until I came back up North in 1972.
- How old were you then when you came back up North?
- I was 18. They had to let me go when I turned 18, and I
  was on my own since then, and when I came back from Browndale
  Farm I went home -- back to Cape Dorset, and I couldn't
  speak Inuktotuk, so they used to beat me up for not saying



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1		anything to anybody, so I got kind of a little angry
1 2		and the first time I break in so I could get away from them,
3		but it didn't work that way.
4	Q	Now, have you ever found out who it was that sent you down
5		to these homes to begin with?
6	A	I don't know. Nobody never told me anything. I tried to
7		find out, and nobody never say anything to me.
8	Q	Did you make friends very easily when you came back?
9	A	No, I didn't. I had a hard time to make friends, and the
10		only very good friend I had, he committed suicide at my
11		place about seven weeks ago.
12	Q	Okay. Mr. Manno, I have no other questions. Perhaps the
13		judge or the Crown attorney might have some questions for
14		you.
15		THE COURT: Ms. Boillat?
16		MS. BOILLAT: I have no questions.
17		THE COURT: Thank you, Kootoo.
18		MR. BOVARD: Your Honour, the only other
19		submissions I'd make to you would be in regard to his record.
20		Mr. Manno indicated that he came back to the Northwest
21		Territories in 1972 when he was 18 and said that he was
22		having a pretty hard time and started getting into trouble
23		to get away, and as you can see his record does start in
24		April of 1972, and perhaps the very tragic youth, I guess,
25		that Mr. Manno had I know it doesn't excuse committing
26		criminal offences, but perhaps it does give some indication
27		as to what kind of upbringing this individual had, what



kind of direction he was given or was not given in his formative years. And maybe that would indicate to the Court that perhaps someone like him is somewhat more prone to going astray in a community where he's not being treated very well, and perhaps it would indicate to the Court that someone like him maybe doesn't have the psychological or emotional resources that maybe other people do have that were raised in loving and caring families to avoid such a merry-go-round and vicious circle of criminal behaviour as Mr. Manno has engaged in over the last 13 years.

I just put that forward to Your Honour in order to be able to elaborate and express to the Court as best as possible Mr. Manno's personal history.

THE COURT: What do you do with it, Mr. Bovard?

I agree it's tragic. I don't understand how it happened or why it happened. I can certainly understand his anger, as he stated, in committing his break and enters to get away from Cape Dorset, but that was 13 years ago, and if he's still angry, surely the community has to be protected from him.

What do I do with that? I mean, if he had gone two years without getting into trouble, then perhaps I could justify some disposition other than penitentiary, but it's simply unbroken.

MR. BOVARD: It's ironic, Your Honour. My submission is that the community that the law seeks to protect is the very community that abandoned Mr. Manno when



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he was young and shipped him down to a place where there was no Inuit. He didn't even speak his own language or any language for the first two or three years, and it's this community that now says to the Court to protect us from this horrible person, and it's my submission that this community bears, to a large degree, responsibility for having abandoned this person.

How do they live up to this THE COURT: Supposing I don't sentence Mr. Manno to responsibility? anything; from his record, I think I'd -- if I was a betting man, I'd bet he'd be back before the Courts in six months. He very well might be, Your Honour. MR. BOVARD: I'm not saying because of his tragic background he shouldn't be in jail. I think that would be going too far in keeping with the sentencing case law. However, I would respectfully submit to put this man in the penitentiary, for example, is basically more of the same of what he's always been receiving for his whole life that obviously hasn't worked very well. His life started out that way, being put away in places far away from where he was; originally away from his own peers, away from his own culture, and I respectfully submit that has had something to do with the way he's turned out, and just to apply the same medicine to cure this person seems to be not appropriate, in my respectful submission.

Like I say, Your Honour, I'm not saying he shouldn't go to jail, because I think the law has to be recognized and adhered to, as well, but I would respectfully submit



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that you sock him away in the penitentiary for years would not really be a very happy solution, either. It's been done before, Your Honour, and I don't know if it would help that much in this case, but just the account of what has happened to Mr. Manno could perhaps, in transcript form, be sent to leaders in the community he came from to show them that it's not always the offender that is totally black in the community and the community that's totally white, and that the community shares a responsibility for the behaviour of its own kind. These people are not born criminals. Something happens to them along the way, and in my submission this is a particularly classic case of somebody being abandoned. Who knows what social agencies were or were not involved? Who knows what family turned their back on them, but this young boy was clearly abandoned. THE COURT: I'm sure Kootoo Manno is not totally black, and I'm sure the community of Cape Dorset is not totally white, to use your analogy. That still leaves the criminal courts with the problem: What do we do with the man to keep him from stealing and breaking and entering? If there was anything in the world that I could do other than sending him to jail for two or three years I'd do it, but what can we do? I'm sure he's received Sunday school lectures from half a dozen judges in Ontario and Quebec and the Northwest Territories. He's been sentenced in all three. He's gotten as close as you can get to a penitentiary I agree he was probably institutionalized from the



time he was a child, but what alternative is there? He's expressed no desire to me today or tonight or anywhere down the road to change. I don't like to see a 32 year old man going to jail at Yellowknife with a bunch of teenage offenders or federal penitentiary where life is awfully rough.

MR. BOVARD: Not too long ago, Your Honour, I wrote a letter to the Superintendent of the Yellowknife Correctional Centre asking what programs they have. He wrote me back. He sent me about half an inch of material. I just saw it on my desk when I came in. I haven't had a chance to read it over. Perhaps I could look at that and show it to Your Honour, show it to the Crown. Maybe in that material there is something available for this man that could be recommended by the Court that maybe would give him some kind of skill, maybe give him some kind of self-identity other than the one he has now. Maybe he could see himself in a different light if only he was taught to do something constructive.

THE COURT: Unfortunately, sadly, the manuals are reams thick, but what's on the street and what is in place is usually light years removed from what's in the manuals. Again, apart from that it depends on Kootoo Manno; if he has no spirit, doesn't move to pull himself up by his bootstraps, no one else will; no one else can.

MR. BOVARD: That is correct, Your Honour. There

One principle I would like to emphasize, Your Honour,



is no way to argue with that.

is that Mr. Manno should be sentenced for what he's done now and not so much for, you know, all the things he's done in the past. He's paid heavy penalties already before. These break and enters, in my submission, are, of course, serious. There's a lot of them, as Your Honour has pointed out, and the community has to be protected, but on the other hand, do they merit a penitentiary term? In my submission they are not as serious as that to merit a penitentiary term in light of the circumstances of the case law; at least, in the Eastern Arctic, and I know he's got a bad record, but I guess it's trite to say that he can't be sentenced again for everything he's been sentenced for before.

THE COURT:

Well said, Mr. Bovard.

MR. BOVARD:

If Your Honour wishes to look at

the information sent to me, and if you wish --

THE COURT:

I am aware of the programs that

are there, and even as restricted as it is, unfortunately jail isn't much different than life. What happens to him in there depends, to a degree, on what he does with himself.

You're in charge of your own life, Kootoo. No one else is living it for you. You know, I'm sure there is nothing that the jail authorities would like better than to say, "Hooray, look at what we've done with Kootoo Manno."

It would be the icing on all of their cakes, but it depends on him. Nobody can be forcefed rehabilitation.

MR. BOVARD: Thank you, Your Honour. Those are all of my submissions.



THE COURT:

Thank you, Mr. Bovard.

Well, Kootoo Manno is convicted of a number of offences:
Attempted theft, two charges of break, enter and theft,
possession of stolen property -- oh, three charges of break,
enter and theft.

Kootoo Manno, on his own evidence, in submissions of counsel, presents a sad situation to the Court of a youngster going back to ten years of age who, for some reason unbeknownst to him -- apparently he had no parents and no one in Cape Dorset wanted him, and he was, for some reason, taken away and kept in boys' homes or farms in the South.

He came back to Cape Dorset at 18 and commenced a long string of criminal offences, 29 convictions in all. One can accept that perhaps for the first few years a lot of these offences were acted out by someone who was angry and upset. The docket is full of them today, but usually one tends to see, by the time one reaches the age of 28 or 30 years of age that they are starting to make choices in their lives and beginning to recognize that spending time in jail is a big waste of time, as nice as it may be. But Kootoo Manno is 32 years of age and before the Court today on six offences, I believe. As I say, it's just been non-stop offences in Cape Dorset, Frobisher Bay, Yellowknife, Montreal, Toronto, Milton, Toronto.

The last sentence he received was two years less a day, and I'm certain he must have been cautioned and given Sunday school lectures innumerable times. He must be well



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aware of the fact that the penitentiary is waiting for him, and frankly, after hearing the submissions of Crown counsel, the facts of the cases and looking at the record, I was, at first blush, inclined to consider a sentence in the neighbourhood of three years in federal penitentiary.

Kootoo Manno may very well have had a lot of trouble when he was a youngster and had a lot of difficulties and denied many things, but he's still a human being. He's not an animal. He's still a man with a spirit. He's still a man who is in control of his own life. He's still a man who can pick himself up by his bootstraps, and that's what makes him different from any other being on this earth. He's not unintelligent. I'm sure Kootoo Manno can make the connection between committing a crime and going to jail. The crimes that have been described for me I would not classify as minor. It's almost -- well, the offence at Nordair, the attempted theft; a substantial amount of money was at risk. There was attendance at a safe at a house, again looking for money. A substantial -- a valuable polar bear hide was stolen from the Renewable Resources, but recovered.

Kooto Manno turned around and attacked a host who had invited him to his house -- to steal from the man.

As I say, looking at all of those factors, I was inclined to begin my considerations at three years at federal penitentiary. If Kootoo Manno is not going to do anything with himself I don't think the Court has any alternative



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but to put him in a situation where he can't do anything with anyone else, and that means putting him away for as long as justifiable under all the circumstances.

Certainly Mr. Bovard is correct that he cannot and should not be sentenced on his past record. It simply means that there is no mitigation available. However, I can also look at the record as an indication of his proclivities, the fact that he's not responded to any probation.

It's equally obvious to me that simply warehousing this man, if the door has not already been closed on him, would certainly edge it shut a few more inches, and he'll be in and out of jail the rest of his life. That's all he knows. It would appear, from his record, that that's all that he knows. I agree with Mr. Bovard that if there was someone, somehow or something that could work with this man and change his attitude about life that he may not yet be a lost soul. I point out to you, Kootoo, that's dependent upon you. Nobody else can do it for you. There isn't one person in this world that can do that for you. You have to draw from other people, perhaps, to assist you. are people around that are willing to assist you. don't do something you'll be back in jail again. I don't know what can be done to keep you out of the penitentiary. There is very few mitigating factors available before me today. I can see no good reason for not sending you to a term in the penitentiary, as I say, if not for the only reason of keeping him out of other people's houses and other people's pockets.



Now, there is a section in our Criminal Code that provides for suspended sentences. The whole idea behind suspended sentences -- it used to be that I could say to a person like Kootoo Manno, "I'm going to put you in jail for five years, but if you stay out of trouble for three you won't have to serve the time."

It was very easily understood. It was very clear to the person what they had at risk.

Unfortunately, in my view, in any event, that's been changed. Now when dealing with suspended sentences we say that the passing of sentence is suspended, that if a person is placed on probation, if he breaches that probation that maybe -- they may result in a conviction for that. If they are convicted of any other offence under the Criminal Code they will be brought back before the Presiding Judge and sentenced on the original offence. It looks good on paper, but, in fact, is not applied in the Northwest Territories.

In the three years that I've been sitting I have yet to have an accused person who is convicted in my court, and I know full well, after receiving a suspended sentence and being convicted again of another substantive offence —— I've never had one brought back to me for sentencing on a suspended sentence, and I think that's, indeed, unfortunate.

I recognize there's problems with the Crown attorney, with the circulation of judges, circulations of Crown and the paperwork. I think it's, indeed, an unfortunate situation.



I'm tempted, in this case, perhaps to mix a little mercy, although for the sake of me I don't know why I should. Kootoo Manno hasn't given me anything on which I could possibly, happily hang my hat on to say that yes, there is a chance of rehabilitation here.

On the other hand, I'm really not anxious to warehouse the man. Indeterminate sentences have been removed from the Criminal Code. In other words, there is no way of making the man's release dependent upon his responsiveness to rehabilitative or reformation efforts.

Again, I don't know perhaps why I should even be talking about reformation, because there's nothing to indicate to me that he's reformable, other than I suppose a belief that he's a human being and perhaps somewhere, somehow in the depths of his soul something can be done before it's too late, and I dare say, it's going to be too late pretty soon.

As I said earlier, if this man was being sentenced in the South -- if he was being sentenced in Nova Scotia he would go to the penitentiary; I have no doubt about that. I dare say it would be somewhere between three and five years.

I'm taking totality into account. It's, I suppose, difficult in a sense to weigh all -- each individual sentence. I'm concerned, basically, with the total.

Kootoo Manno, would you stand up, please? On the charge of attempted theft, 294(b), I'm going to sentence you to 12 months imprisonment.



On the charge of break, enter and theft at David Audlakiak's house, 16 months imprisonment.

On the charge of break, enter at the Frobisher Bay Housing Association, 16 months imprisonment.

On the charge of break, enter and theft at the Department of Renewable Resources, 16 months imprisonment. On the charge contrary to 133(3) of the Criminal Code, one month imprisonment.

I'm sorry. I made a mistake there. On the charge of possession of stolen property it will be 12 months imprisonment.

The 133 matter, one month imprisonment, and that leaves one more break, enter and theft to deal with.

All of these sentences will be concurrent to the total of 16 months.

On the one remaining break, enter and theft I'm going to suspend the passing of sentence and I'm going to place you on probation for as short as I think I can, and that's one year. You are to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. That just means stay out of trouble, and I point out to you, and I point this out to the Crown, as well, I'm doing this -- I really feel strongly that you should be looking at a penitentiary term.

I would like you to believe, at least for a while, and I'd like you to believe sincerely, that there is still a chance for you, and the Courts will respond if you try and help yourself. I'll give you that opportunity. I'm



going to suspend the passing of sentence on that one break and enter charge, as I said, and place you on probation.

If you are convicted of any criminal offence while you are on probation for a year after your release you may be brought back before me and sentenced on that charge, and I expect the Crown attorney to bring it back before me. As I have already indicated to you, I think that you should be serving a penitentiary time. If you are brought back before me you may very well end up with that. Do you understand that?

THE ACCUSED: Yes.

THE COURT: If you apply yourself while you are at Yellowknife Correctional Centre you will be released earlier than normal. If you can stay out of trouble for a year it will be over and done with.

There are people that are willing to bend over backwards for you. It will depend on you. I'm giving you as much as a chance as I think the Court can give you. If you respond to that chance, so much the better. If you don't, nobody can do anything for you; do you understand that?

THE ACCUSED: Yes, Your Honour.

MS. BOILLAT: Your Honour, in regards to --

THE COURT: That will be one day -- I'm sorry.

Suspended sentence.

Go ahead.

MS. BOILLAT: Yes, sir. In regards to the possession of stolen property, I believe it is a summary matter.



Oh, that's an attempt, as well. THE COURT: There's also the attempt -- well, MS. BOILLAT: there is, first of all, the possession of stolen property \_\_ a pendant, sir, which is a summary matter, and the attempt. I'd modify my order, then, to four THE COURT: months on each of those. Thank you for pointing that out to me, Ms. Boillat. It's been a long day. Yes, sir. MS. BOILLAT: Thank you, Your Honour. MR. BOVARD: The probation order can always be THE COURT: sent to Yellowknife Correctional Centre. Is everyone clear on that sentence? I went through it fairly quickly. Yes, Your Honour. MR. BOVARD: Total 16 months. THE COURT: Four months on the two summary MR. BOVARD: convictions? Thank you, Your Honour. Sir, there's a couple of preliminary hearings still left. Could we have a short adjournment? (BRIEF ADJOURNMENT) Counsel, is there a problem with THE COURT: the Manno matter? I understand that I was in error. think I referred to four break and enters; in fact, there

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were only three.

MR. BOVARD:



Yes, Your Honour. I didn't catch it,

either. It was hard to keep track of them. THE COURT: Did counsel require clarification of the sentence that I ordered? MR. BOVARD: I guess what we are wondering is -for the criminal record of Mr. Manno we were wondering -will it show, then, that he received 16 months concurrent on two break and enters, and then, a suspended sentence on one break and enter? THE COURT: Yes. MS. BOILLAT: With probation referring to that third break and enter? THE COURT: The suspended sentence, obviously. And then, one month concurrent on the 133. 13 MS. BOILLAT: Yes. THE COURT: The 87 was withdrawn. 15 MS. BOILLAT: Yes. 16 THE COURT: And the four months concurrent on 17 the 313(b) and four months concurrent on the attempted 294(b). 18 MR. BOVARD: 19 Could Your Honour indicate which break and enter was the one he received the suspended sentence 21 for? 22 THE COURT: That was Information 385. I think 23 that was the Renewable Resources break and enter. 24 THE CLERK: Yes, sir. 25 MR. BOVARD: Thank you, Your Honour. That clarifies it. MS. BOILLAT: Thank you, Your Honour.



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I, Judy K. Harrigan, C.S.R.(A), Court Reporter, hereby certify that I attended the above Sentencing and took faithful and accurate shorthand notes and the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of my shorthand notes to the best of my skill and ability.

Dated at the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, this 14th day of March, A.D. 1985.

Judy K. Harrigan, C.S.R.(A), Court Reporter.

His Honour Judge R. M. Bourassa

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