IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

and -

TERRY CAMPBELL

Transcript of the oral sentencing delivered by His Honour Judge T.B. Davis, sitting at Frobisher Bay, in the Northwest Territories, Tuesday, September 24th, A.D. 1985.

APPEARANCES:

MR. M. ZIGAYER

IN THE MATTER OF:

Counsel for the Crown

(Accused appeared on his own behalf)

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THE COURT:

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Mr. Terry Campbell admits that while the owner of a residence in Frobisher Bay he, after being notified of a problem with regard to his discharge of sewage from his house, failed between January the 14th and subsequent to April the 23rd, 1985 to clean up the problem of depositing offensive matter in a manner that was likely to become injurious to the health of others, and therefore violated Section 6 of the General Sanitation Regulations under Section 23 of The Public Health Act, in effect, in the Town of Frobisher Bay.

The accused had become aware of the fact that his holding tank had frozen and upon disconnecting it continued during that period of time to allow his sewage to be put onto the ground near his residence. Photographs indicate that there was effluent near his residence when the spring thaw started April of 1985. The regulations require that persons do obey the sanitation control that exists for the protection of others.

The Crown is suggesting that a fine of between Two hundred and fifty and Three hundred dollars might be appropriate in this instance where the maximum is a Five hundred dollar fine or six months in jail or both under the The accused has now fixed up the problem at a cost to himself of approximately Five hundred dollars. He has employment and is in a position to pay a fine, although he indicates that he would request time to do so. I am satisfied that a fine would be an appropriate sentence of the Court to indicate

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to the accused and to others that if they are discharging waste that is harmful to the health of others they must repair it or be penalized for it and to ensure that persons know that it is a matter taken seriously by the Court, and to ensure that, therefore, health concerns are recognized as being important to the Court. I feel a fine, a fairly substantial fine, would be in order in these circumstances, because there does seem to be a willful neglect on behalf of the accused. The fine in this instance will be in the amount of Two hundred dollars, or in default thereof ten days in jail. In imposing the fine I am recognizing that the cost of the Department of Health and others to chase the accused to finally get the matter resolved would certainly be far in excess of the fine itself, but I hope that just this amount without further penalty would be sufficient for both the accused and others under these circumstances. How long do you think you will require to pay the Two hundred dollar fine, Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Could I have till October 30th?

19 THE COURT: Sure.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: I get paid on the 15th and the 30th of each month.

THE COURT: The accused will be allowed forty-five days within which to pay the fine. The Clerk will advise you on where and how to pay the fine, Mr. Campbell. You understand that if you don't pay it there is a penalty of ten days in jail.

MR. ZIGAYER: Your Honour, might I ask for the return of the exhibits, the photographs?

THE COURT: Yes. Here are the photographs which we didn't receive officially as exhibits but were looked at. They can be returned.

Certified a correct transcript,

Jill MacDonald, Court Reporter