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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

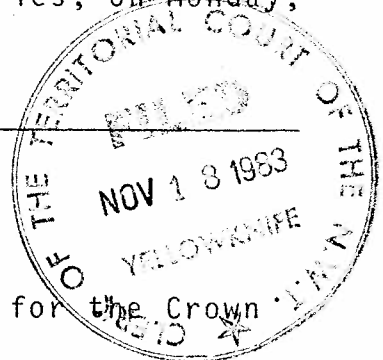
VS

SIMONIE SIAKULUK

Transcript of the Reasons for Judgment Delivered by
His Honour Chief Judge J. R. Slaven, sitting at
Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, on Monday,
November 14th, A.D., 1983.

APPEARANCES:

MR. G. BICKERT: Counsel for the Crown
MR. G. PHILLIPS: Counsel for the Defence





1 THE COURT: Mr. Siakuluk, a Hall Beach resident, twenty
2 years of age, has compiled quite a record, mostly of theft
3 type cases since 1979. He has spent a fair amount of time
4 in jail for those offences.

5 The offences with which he is charged today, and I
6 do convict him on all five counts to which he has pleaded
7 guilty, these offences, with the exception of the breaches
8 of probation are a departure from the previous type of
9 offences he has committed.

10 Igloolik was one of the first communities in the
11 Northwest Territories to control the entry of alcoholic
12 beverages into the community by means of a local committee,
13 and Hall Beach has followed that example. Various methods
14 of controlling liquor, including absolute prohibition, have
15 been tried in the Northwest Territories in the past half
16 dozen years, but I feel that communities like Igloolik
17 and Arctic Bay, and Hall Beach, who decide to administer
18 it locally, have the best solution. Drinking of alcoholic
19 beverages can be a pleasurable experience. It adds something
20 to parties and celebrations if done in a sensible fashion,
21 and I don't think that all of the community should suffer
22 because of the irresponsibility of a few as is what happens
23 when there is absolute prohibition. I do feel it is
24 better for the local leaders who know the people in the
25 community to decide who should be allowed to bring in
26 alcoholic beverages.

27 Mr. Siakuluk, somewhere or another, has learned to make



1 home brew and did so, and in effect brought liquor into the
2 community without permission, but also gave the drink to
3 two young girls both of whom became intoxicated, and this,
4 of course, is not something that we want to happen.

5 Also, he went to Frobisher Bay and acquired some
6 cannabis resin, otherwise known as hash with the intention
7 of bringing it back into Hall Beach. This, in a way, is
8 another method of getting around the local restrictions on
9 bringing in intoxicants, and accordingly, I consider it
10 more serious than the usual case of a person in simple
11 possession of a small amount of cannabis for his own purpose
12 and for his own consumption.

13 Would you stand up, please, Mr. Siakuluk. I am taking
14 into account the fact that you have spent two months in
15 custody because of these offences and others with which you
16 are charged.

17 I convict you on the first count of supplying liquor
18 to a child, Rebecca Natook, and direct you be imprisoned
19 for a period of two months. I convict you of the second
20 count of the same section of the Juvenile Delinquents Act,
21 and direct you be imprisoned for a period of two months to be
22 served concurrently. That is my information number 1185.
23 My information number 1186, under the Narcotic Control Act
24 for having possession of hashish, I convict you and direct
25 you be imprisoned for a period of two months to be served
26 consecutively. My information number 1187, the first count
27 of breach of probation, I convict you and direct you be



1 imprisoned for a period of two months to be served
2 consecutively. I convict you of the second count of breach
3 of probation on that information and direct you be imprisoned
4 for a period of two months to be served concurrently. That
5 is a total of six months you will have to spend in jail.

6 Have I covered everything re Mr. Siakuluk?

7 MR. BICKERT: Yes, you have, sir.

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9 (AT WHICH TIME THESE MATTERS WERE CONCLUDED.)
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