

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

VS

TROY WILLIAM AMOS

Transcript of oral sentencing delivered by His Honour Judge T. B. Davis, sitting at Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories, on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1983.

APPEARANCES:

J. SHIPLEY:

Appeared on behalf of the Crown.

C. REHN:

Appeared on behalf of the Accused.



With regard to unlawful possession of liquor on the lith day of December, the accused, at 11:30 in the evening, was on the ice road and was drinking a beer contrary to Section 62 of the Liquor Ordinance. He failed to appear on a voluntary basis when he was able to do so, which means he could have paid a fine of \$25. Having failed to appear and now being charged with unlawful possession, and since the solicitor for the accused has indicated he has the ability to pay a fine, I will impose a fine of \$45 on that charge. I believe under Information #215. In default thereof, three days in jail.

The charge with regard to the stop sign -- that is under Information #216 -- the accused, on the 28th of December, 1982, at 12:40 o'clock, was driving a 1977 Chev Nova and drove through a stop sign between 15 and 20 miles per hour without paying any notice to the stop sign, itself, and explained that the roads were too icy for him to stop. The accused could have voluntarily made payment of a fine of \$40 but failed to do so and was, therefore, charged under the section and had entered a plea of guilty for which there will be a conviction entered. Defence counsel has indicated that the accused has the ability to make payment of the fine if he has employment during the summer, and I will, therefore, impose a fine of \$60 or in default five days in jail.

With regard to the Information under #214, the accused pleads guilty to a charge under Section 151 of the Vehicle Ordinance in that he failed to observe a stop sign at an intersection on the 23rd of January, 1983, at which time it was

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also noted that the accused had no driver's license and a faulty horn and then possibly a number of outstanding fines that had not been paid for previous offences. This offence has a voluntary payment available of \$25. The accused has appeared to fail to make payment of the voluntary fine and was, therefore, charged and entered a plea of guilty, so conviction will be entered and a fine will be imposed; a fine in the amount of \$45, or in default, three days in jail.

#213 to a charge under Section 51 of the Vehicles Ordinance to failing to carry and produce a driver's license on request on the 23rd of January, 1983, at Inuvik and which there is a voluntary fine in the amount of \$25 available, which the accused did not pay. Under the circumstances, I will impose a fine in the amount of \$45, or in default, three days in jail.

With regard to Information #212, the accused is also charged that on the 23rd of January he was operating a motor vehicle without the required equipment and that the vehicle had a faulty horn, contrary to Section 93(2) of the Vehicles

Ordinance. A voluntary fine in the amount of \$25 is available on that charge, which the accused failed to pay and has entered a plea of guilty for which a conviction will be entered and a fine will be imposed in the amount of \$45, or in default thereof, three days in jail.

Now, the accused also has entered pleas of guilty under Information. #217 to three charges, Number 1 being that on the 10th of February, 1983, at Inuvik, he broke and entered the



Inuvik Rexall Drug Store and committed theft therein, contrary to Section 306 of the Criminal Code, 306(1)(b), to which a conviction will be entered. The accused, on that occassion, had been chased by the police and was found hiding in a red Datsun pick-up. He started the vehicle and drove off and then picked up some friends and later got stuck and abandoned the vehicle and was apprehended by the police at a later time. The accused jimmied the door to the drug store while some girls and friends were lookouts, and when they noticed that they were being observed, they ran from the drug store dropping some of the items that had been stolen on the way. Other persons who were involved with that same offence had appeared before the Court and were sentenced to a period of incarceration for three months in jail.

The accused is 18 years of age and has been unemployed since leaving the job in 1982. Because of the record of the accused and the requirement for consideration of similar penalties for similar offences, I feel it is necessary for me to also impose a jail term on the accused for Count 1 regarding the break-in at the drug store, and I will impose a jail term of three months.

With regard to Count #2 on the same Information, the accused pleaded guilty to break, enter and theft into Semmler's General Store on the 10th of February, 1983, in Inuvik, also contrary to Section 306(1)(b) of the Criminal Code, and on that matter I feel it is also necessary to consider deterrence and attempt to try and stay within the range of similar sentences

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elsewhere, and I will impose a jail term on the accused for three months to run consecutively.

Count #3, the accused also has pleaded guilty to a charge that on the 10th of February, 1983, at Inuvik, Northwest Territories, did attempt to break and enter Moe's Pool Hall, such offence being contrary to Section 421 of the Criminal Code. On that occassion, the accused was unsuccessful in the efforts to enter the premises and very little damage was done to the business premises. Others and an associate involved with this matter -- maybe just for clarification, was the accused alone on that particular charge? Could you tell by the facts with regard to the attempt break and enter?

MR. REHN: Sir, my recollection on that was that there may have been a juvenile along. There was another individual there. However, the charge against that individual was withdrawn.

THE COURT: Yes, we had not dealt with any associate.

MR. REHN: No, that is correct, sir.

THE COURT: All right, thank you. Attempt was made by the accused, and no other associate was before the Court. Taking into consideration the age of the accused and the circumstances surrounding it, no damage having been done, and attempting to be concerned about the totality of the sentences involved, I will impose, instead of three months, a jail term of two months on the accused for that attempted break-in.

MR. SHIPLEY: How would that term be served, your honour?

THE COURT: That will also be served consecutively. Are



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those all the matters before the Court to be dealt with today except the motor vehicle matter, taking a motor vehicle without permission.

MR. SHIPLEY: With respect to -- there is one other matter which will be added to the docket.

All right. There is a charge then as well THE COURT: that on the 10th of February, 1983, at Inuvik, Northwest Territories, the accused, Troy William Amos, also involved with taking a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner with intent, contrary to Section 295 of the Criminal Code. That is under Information #212. On that occassion, February 10, the accused pleaded guilty to the charge when he had taken the motor vehicle and picked up some friends, was driving the motor vehicle, or with others, when it got stuck and the group abandoned the motor vehicle owned by Mr. Harvey. It does not appear that a great deal of damage was done to the motor vehicle, and the vehicle had been unlocked at the time that it was taken. On that charge, I will also attempt to consider the overall effect of the sentence being imposed and because the total could be too harmful to the accused if it were overly burdensome, since he is of yet young years and should be subject to rehabilitatio: so I will impose on that charge a term in jail of two months, also to run consecutively. That was under 212, Madam Clerk.

THE CLERK: Thank you.

THE COURT: Do you understand all those, Mr. Amos?

THE ACCUSED: Yeah.

THE COURT: Yes, all right. Are those all the matters



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to be dealt with?

MR. SHIPLEY: I do not believe you indicated time to pay on the fines, your honour. There appears to be five fines, four of them at \$45 each and one at \$25. What length of time does the accused require to make payment of the fines.

MR. REHN: Sir, I would suggest he is probably going to require something like three months.

THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. SHIPLEY: For now, your honour, I do not want to do
10 my friends's job, but he has just been sentenced to ten months
11 in jail.

THE COURT: I would expect he means after his release

13 from jail.

MR. REHN: Oh, yes, sir.

THE COURT: Would that mean that in my notation I would put the length of time to pay for something -- like time in jail plus three months?

THE CLERK: Sir, it is easier for the clerk's office if you do it that way.

MR. SHIPLEY: I think it would be just as easy if you simply indicate he would have three months to pay upon his release.

THE COURT: That terminology?

THE CLERK: No, sir, it is hard on the clerk's office when you do it that way to keep their records. If you just -THE COURT: Give a specific length of time. All right, maybe you can estimate it then that the accused will be allowed twelve months in which to make payment of all of the fines.



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