IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Aug 23 1995

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SAMMY AUDLAKIAK

Transcript of the Sentence delivered by His Honour Judge
T. B. Davis, sitting at Yellowknife in the Northwest
Territories, on March 30, A.D., 1993.

APPEARANCES:

MR. D. MILLER:

MR. T. McCAULEY:

Counsel for the Crown

Counsel for the Accused

CHARGE UNDER SECTION 267(1) OF THE CRIMINAL CODE

THE COURT: Sammy Audlakiak, who has resided in the Baffin Island area at Broughton Island, admits that on the 18th day of June 1992, he actually assaulted an elderly lady, struck her in the face and caused her to have some small cuts on her face and her soft tissues to be swollen to the extent that her eyes were closed for a short time. She was visually impaired and couldn't protect herself and had blacked-out and was lying on the floor when he left her residence. She also had some bruises to the back of her head.

The accused has been before the Court on four previous occasions since 1987 and has been convicted of twelve criminal convictions, seven of which were assaults.

He has indicated remorse and a lack of understanding on why he would have assaulted a very senior, older lady.

As a result of his concern, he has indicated to his lawyer that he wishes to get some help because he doesn't wish to continue to beat people up and doesn't understand why he would have assaulted this elderly lady.

The accused, while in custody on another matter, had volunteered a confession which implicated him in the offence before the Court today. It's unlikely that there would have been any way of convicting the

accused or even charging him with the assault had it not been for his voluntary confession.

The Court is pleased to see that somebody is interested in improving themselves and trying to rid themselves of an assault behaviour as in the past.

I am certainly prepared to accept the recommendations being made by defence and concurred in by Crown that the accused should be given a jail term that would allow him to get the treatment that he wants and this would require him to be sentenced to in excess of two years in jail; that automatically resulting in a penitentiary term where treatment would be available to him.

He is still only 23 years of age and if the treatment does work and he learns to ensure that he uses his medication and continues to use that for his schizophrenic problems, he will have a long life and and it might be a much happier life for him.

I hope that by serving a term in jail that he can be relieved of his guilty conscience because he will then be penalized for the offence and he is answering the needs of society by serving a period of time in jail. I am hoping that by serving the time he can improve himself because he is entitled, now that he is willing to make an effort, to a better life after he has served what is necessary under the criminal law.

Sammy, is there anything you wish to say to the

1 Court at this time? 2 THE ACCUSED: I don't think so. THE COURT: You have understood everything that your lawyer has said on your behalf and you understand that I am going to accept the recommendation by the lawyers so that you can take the treatment which you want? Is that all correct? THE ACCUSED: 9 Yes. 10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, counsel, for going into this in detail to the extent that you have. 11 12 I think that you have convinced me that it's 13 appropriate to do so. 14 Now, to ensure that it's penitentiary time, counsel, is it 24 months that I impose or do you wish 15 to have it 25 months or is it automatically 16 17 penitentiary time that will qualify him -- so long as it is not 24 months less one day? 18 19 MR. McCAULEY: I believe that's the case. I believe 20 it is expressed as two years. 21 THE COURT: I'm going to impose a jail term of two 22 years. If two years is imposed as penitentiary time, we 23 don't have an ability to impose probation terms 24 thereafter. There will be no surcharge. 25 26 Sammy, try your best and make sure that you get everything under control so this kind of thing doesn't 27

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