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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

REGINA

VS.

JOHN NUNGNILK

Transcript of Reasons for Sentence given by The Honourable Judge R.M. Bourassa, at Arviat, Northwest Territories, on the 30th day of June, A.D. 1995.

APPEARANCES:

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U. Arvanetes, Ms. Appeared for the Crown Appeared for the Defence C.F. Cameron, Ms. Court Reporter

(Charged under Section 271 of the Criminal Code)



WARRANT OF COMMITTAL **UPON CONVICTION** MANDAT DE DÉPÔT SUR DÉCLARATION DE CULPABILITÉ

CANADA **Northwest Territories** Territoires du Nord-Ouest

To the Peace Officers in the Northwest Territories and the keeper of any common gool in the Northwest Territories: Aux agents de la paix des Territoires du Nord-Ouest et au gardien de prison des Territoires du Nord-Ouest :

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THE COURT: The accused, John Nungnilk, has pleaded guilty to a sexual assault. It used to be called rape. I would only note, as I'm sure everybody in this court room accepts, that there isn't a society on the face of this globe that accepts, tolerates or condones the violent sexual assault of women.

Sentences imposed for crimes are a way of showing how wrongful the acts are. The Court of Appeal is very clear, and the law is very clear on what's to be done with men who sexually assault women. The terms of imprisonment are lengthy. I would only muse that years ago people were shot, hanged, quartered for doing the same thing. It's wrong. It's very, very wrong. The starting point as described by the law is three years.

In my view, there are some very significant aggravating features here. First of all, that the woman was tricked. Nungnilk must have obviously had a plan in mind or formulated plan at some point. He used his trust and friendship to get her into the car and virtually abducted her, taking her out of town where she was helpless.

Second: She was seven months pregnant.

Hardly in a position to really defend herself, run

away or do anything to prevent him. Not only did

the assault amount to an outrage on her, it might



1 possibly have compromised the pregnancy. That 2 danger exists. Third: It seems that there was some force 3 used, and there is no question but that the victim 4 stated very clearly that she 'wanted nothing to do 5 with this man. But he ignored her. 6 7 In my view, something closer to four years, 8 having regard to the starting point and the aggravating features would be appropriate. I take 9 into account that he's pleaded guilty at virtually 10 the first instance, and I agree with defence 11 counsel that that's the most significant 12 mitigating factor. 13 14 Nungnilk has admitted that what he's done is wrong and he is, by his guilty plea, showing some 15 remorse. I have to apply the law. Stand up, Mr. 16 17 Nungnilk. Anything you want to say before I 18 impose sentence? 19 MR. NUNGNILK: No. 20 THE COURT: Three years in a federal 21 penitentiary. 22 23 SENTENCING CONCLUDED 24 25 26

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I, Colleen F. Cameron, 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 17th day of July, A.D. 1995.

Colleen F. Cameron, Ms. Court Reporter.

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