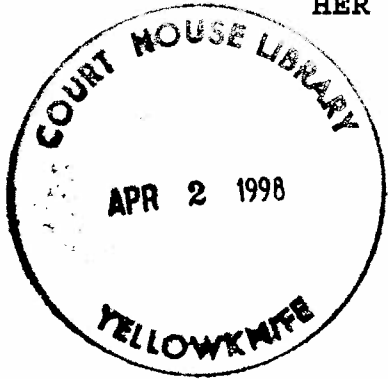


IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



- and -

URIAH KOOMAK

Transcript of Reasons for Sentence delivered by The Honourable Judge R.M. Bourassa, sitting at Arviat, in the Northwest Territories, on Friday, February 6, A.D. 1998.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. D. Littlefield:

On behalf of the Crown

Mr. T. Boyd:

On behalf of the Defence

(Charges under ss. 430(4), 270(1)(a), and 348(1)(b) of the Criminal Code)



1 THE COURT:

2 Well, I know Uriah Koomak has been
3 appearing in court since 1991. He was sniffing propane
4 in 1991. It is a real tragedy. My understanding is,
5 from reading documents on the effects of propane on a
6 person, that it damages the brain irretrievably. And
7 Uriah Koomak is in bad shape. He is now a big man,
8 becoming violent, out of control, not only a danger to
9 himself; drunk and stumbling down the street in the
10 middle of winter - he could pass out and die in a
11 snowbank - not only a danger to himself but a danger to
12 others. It is really unfortunate to see that. Why
13 people like Uriah think it is so necessary to get
14 stoned on propane or drugs, it is difficult to
15 understand.

16 With respect to the charge of assault a peace
17 officer, I have said before and I am only saying what
18 the law is, is that the police are here to protect the
19 public, and those that choose to fight and assault the
20 police will be dealt with severely.

21 Stand up, Uriah.

22 On the charge of assault a peace officer, there
23 will be a term of imprisonment of nine months. On each
24 of the charges of break and enter, there will be terms
25 of imprisonment of 12 months consecutive. On the
26 charge of mischief, a fine of \$350. I will waive the
27 victim of crime surcharge, and the default time will be
concurrent. So I take it you will be asking for a

1 warrant, Mr. Boyd.

2 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Twenty-one months. I'll make a
4 recommendation on the warrant that substance abuse
5 counseling be made available to him.

6 MR. BOYD: Sir, so the record is clear, I
7 believe Your Honour pronounced the sentence with the
8 break and enters being consecutive. Could they be
9 concurrent to each other?

10 THE COURT: Concurrent to each other,
11 consecutive to the assault. Twenty-one months.

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15 Direction #20 dated December 28, 1987

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