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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

IN THE MATTER OF:



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -

WING TOON LEE



Transcript of Reasons for Sentence delivered by The Honourable Judge R.M. Bourassa, sitting at Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories, on Tuesday, February 24, A.D. 1998.

APPEARANCES:

Ms. E. Bellerose:

On behalf of the Crown

Mr. J. Brydon:

On behalf of the Defence

(Charges under Section 238(1) x4 of the Income Tax Act)

THE COURT: In terms of sentencing, the only 1 thing, it seems to me, that is of interest here is that 2 the accused file his income tax returns for 1995, '96, 3 and '97, and a statement of assets and liabilities. 4 Any penalty is simply to get him, to do that. 5 made no money, he'll pay no tax. 6 The minimum fine is a thousand dollars. 7 There 8 will be a thousand-dollar fine imposed on each count. There is nothing by way of default provided and I don't 9 propose to make any. 10 The alternative consideration is to impose a term 11 of imprisonment. I note that the accused has been in 12 custody for a lengthy period of time, but it hasn't 13 been strictly related to these charges. There are 14 15 other charges, I understand, pending. Looking at this in isolation, it would be inappropriate to impose 16 imprisonment, though perhaps not for a second or third 17 refusal. 18 19 There will also be an order going requiring the 20 accused to make the necessary filings. Is there a time limit for that? 21 22 MS. BELLEROSE: I'm not sure, Your Honour. I'm 23 not clear about that. 24 MR. BRYDON: I'm not totally organized in my material, Your Honour. 25 26 THE COURT: Well, I'll simply say forthwith

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and assume that a reasonable interpretation is put on

1		that. You're a cyni	.c, Mr. Brydon.
2	MR.	BRYDON:	This is true.
3	THE	COURT:	Do you want a specific period?
4	MR.	BRYDON:	Thirty days, Your Honour.
5	THE	COURT:	I'm thinking more like of 30.
6	MR.	BRYDON:	Thirty-three, Your Honour.
7	THE	COURT:	He's got three years to do.
8	MR.	BRYDON:	He's going to end up making them
9		up out of his head.	I don't think it's going to take
10		that long.	
11	THE	COURT:	Thirty days.
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