

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT  
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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REGINA



vs.

CLAUDE JEROME HARRY

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Transcript of Reasons for Sentence given by  
The Honourable Judge R.M. Bourassa  
sitting at Inuvik, Northwest Territories,  
on the 17th day of June, A.D. 2002.

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(Charged under Section 267(b) of the Criminal Code)

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1           **THE COURT:**                   Well, I don't know that much  
2           can be done with Mr. Harry, at least with respect  
3           by this bench on this occasion.

4           The accused has over 30 criminal  
5           convictions, all of them together being offences  
6           involving the abuse of alcohol, offences  
7           involving the abuse of drugs, offences involving  
8           acts of violence and offences against the  
9           administration of justice.

10          The man is unable to control himself,  
11          control his drinking or his conduct and now has  
12          reached the point of depravity of biting flesh  
13          from a person's nose. One wonders how depraved a  
14          person can become.

15          Whether she is drunk or sober  
16          irrelevant, she is attacked when she is asleep  
17          and in no position to defend herself, and  
18          attacked for no particular reason, and obviously  
19          totally and absolutely without justification  
20          attacked.

21          When I look at the criminal record, I think  
22          of the trail of victims this man has left in his  
23          wake since 1990; 12 years.

24          This is his third conviction for assault  
25          on his spouse. I take into account he has  
26          pleaded guilty and correctly addressed by  
27          counsel. That is the only mitigating factor that

1 I have.

2 I can well understand some people looking at  
3 this and saying or considering locking away the  
4 man and throwing away the key. He is dangerous.  
5 His conduct over the past years has shown a habit  
6 of drug and alcohol abuse and acts of violence.

7 Stand up, Mr. Harry. Anything you want to  
8 say?

9 **THE ACCUSED:** I don't recall what happened  
10 the night this happened, so I was pleading  
11 guilty. I don't want to come here and go through  
12 this again. That's the only reason I'm pleading  
13 guilty. I don't even remember what happened.

14 **THE COURT:** Sixteen months in jail. That  
15 will be consecutive to any other time you are  
16 serving. There will be a DNA order. There will  
17 be no crimes of victim surcharge.

18 **(SENTENCING CONCLUDED)**

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1 I, Carol A. Harder, Court Reporter, hereby  
2 certify that I attended the above-mentioned  
3 Sentencing and took faithful and accurate  
4 shorthand notes and the foregoing is a true and  
5 accurate transcript of my shorthand notes to the  
6 best of my skill and ability.

7 Dated at the City of Calgary, Province of  
8 Alberta this 26th day of June A.D. 2002.

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12 Carol A. Harder, C.S.R. (BC)

13 Court Reporter.  
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