

[2015] NTLimR

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A Digest of Judgments Delivered in 2015 by
the Court of Criminal Appeal of the Northern
Territory and the Court of Appeal of the
Northern Territory concerning Criminal Law
in Limerick Form

Over the last few years, I have campaigned fearlessly to
introduce more brevity, levity and poetry to the field of law
reporting. Herewith, my latest instalment.

***The Queen v Amital* [2015] NTCCA 1**

He dealt dope by the bag (half a gram). It all
Seemed no big deal. Then he (damn it all!)
Sold while on bail.

Man, you're staying in gaol,
For at least nine long months, Jimmy Amital.

***The Queen v Duncan* [2015] NTCCA 2**

She was young, she was reckless and drunk. In
A rage, drove the blade 'til it sunk in.

What's "exceptional circs"?
This, the CCA shirks,
But they spray Blokland J. (What a dunkin'.)

***The Queen v Rudd* [2015] NTCCA 3**

Bikies played PO Rudd for the mug
That she was, as she needed their drug.
In her sentence, a flaw
No-one saw, and what's more,
No home D. Now she's back in the jug.

***Tilbury v The Queen* [2015] NTCCA 4**

You claim that for patent disparity,
We should cut back your sentence, in charity.
But his term was too light.
Do two wrongs make a right?
The big picture: promote regularity.

***Truong v The Queen* [2015] NTCCA 5**

Truong's trouble's the size of his wrong:
It's as great as the Crown case is strong,
And the fact that the weight
Of the drug's not so great
Needn't be of great weight: q.v. Wong.

***Platt v The Queen* [2015] NTCCA 6**

In a trap fell that backpacker, Platt,
Dealing drugs. Still, at least he's no rat,
As he did it in aid
Of a woman betrayed.
What a prat though, to help her like that.

***Noakes v The Queen* [2015] NTCCA 7**

It don't pay to treat judges as jokes.
Bespoke bail's set, but, boy, she provokes:
Breaches (five). Okey dokey,
Just stay in the pokey.
Griffiths¹ strokes for some folks, but not Noakes.

1 Griffiths v The Queen (1977) 137 CLR 293

***O'Neill v Rankine* [2015] NTCA 3**

Prosecution neglect looks like prankin'.
They're floutin' directions. A spankin'
Is ordered. The beak
Is cheesed off. Lots of cheek,
But no power. Stiff cheddar, Q. Rankine.