

Pre-Sentence Report/Rapport: Presentenciel

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Regina v. /La Rena contre MONTAGUE, William Bruce

Offences/Infractions

26 COUNTS OF FIREARMS RELATED CHARGES UNDER THE CRIMINAL CODE

Justica/Juge

The Honourable Justice J. Wright

Date Report Requested

12/06/2007

Sentence Date

03/17/2008

Court and Location/Tribunal et liu

Superior Court of Justice, Kenora, ON

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Deposition/Decision

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Gender/Sexe
Male

Date of Birth/Date de naissance
(m/m/d/j/y/a)
12/13/1958

Citizenship/Nationalite
Canadian

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(807) 927-2197

Marital Status tat matrimonial
Married

No of Dependents including Spouse

Language Spoken/Langues parrees
English

Aboriginal Status
Does Not Apply

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Court Information/Renselgnements judiciaires

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Not Guilty

Out of Custody

**Law Enforcement Agency/Service charge de faire respecter la
Ontario Provincial Police (Dryden)**

Co-accused/Coaccuse(e)

N/A

Previous Record/Casier Judiciaire:

Sources of Information/Sources de renseignements :

- William Bruce Montague - the offender
- Donna Jeanne Montague - the offender's wife
- Steven Montague - the offender's son
- Jim Goldsbury - associate and neighbour of the offender
- Willie Cheslock - associate of the offender
- Roger Nordlund - associate of the offender
- Dan Landrie - associate and neighbour of the offender
- Dr Robert Shorrock Dentist, former associate of the offender
- Mario Cosette - NCR Waterloo, ON, former co-worker of the offender

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Ralph Arndt - Christian Outreach Minister, Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Dryden, ON
www.BruceMontague.ca - the offender's website
www.youtube.com • "Katey's Facts on Firearms", video clips featuring the offender's daughter
Ontario Provincial Police - Offences Summary
Dr. Neil Brockwell, Ph.D. - Psychologist, Thunder Bay Probation and Parole Office

Personal / Family Information / Renseignements personnels :

William Bruce Montague was born and raised in Niagara Falls, Ontario. His father worked at and retired from the GM Plant in St. Catherine's where he held the position of foreman. His mother worked as personnel manager and accountant at Chef Boyardee. His parents now reside in Haliburton. Mr. Montague is the eldest of five children. His two brothers and one sister reside in the Niagara peninsula area. His youngest sister moved to Dryden, Ontario in March 2007. Mr Montague attended West Lane High School in Niagara Falls and graduated in 1978. While in high school he met Donna Konkle. They began dating and were subsequently married in 1978 when she was nineteen years of age and he was twenty. They resided in Hamilton while he attended college. They subsequently lived in Kitchener and St. Jacobs, Ontario after he commenced employment with NCR in Waterloo.

Mr. Montague and his family resided in St. Jacobs until 1991 when they moved to Dryden, Ontario. The *family* first lived in a mobile home park (Willowdale) near Dryden for five years before purchasing 160 acres of land in Rugby Township. They commenced building the log home in which they currently reside in 1996.

Mr. Montague and his wife have been married for 29 years. They report that their marriage has always been stable and there have been no separations. Mrs. Montague comments that while they remain committed to one another, their protracted legal conflict has strained their relationship and affected the communication between them. She is wishful that their relationship would return to its former level of harmony. Several close associates comment that Mr. Montague is seen as being dominant, "The boss" in the relationship and the home. However, these sources also consider that Mr Montague has not been abusive towards either his spouse or his children.

Donna Montague, 48, is currently employed full-time as a clerk at the Domtar Paper Mill in Dryden. She has worked for this employer for twelve years and enjoys her job. She currently provides the sole source of income for the family. She was off work on stress leave for two months in late 2007, but has since returned to her job.

Mr. and Mrs. Montague have three children, two sons and one daughter. Their sons are Steven, 23 and Michael, 20. They are both attending universities. Daughter, Katey, 16, is a grade eleven student at Dryden High School. Steven Montague (BSc. (Hons.) Life Sciences) is currently in the second and final year of a Masters Program in Neuroscience at Queens University. He is awaiting acceptance into a medical school for the fall of 2008. Michael Montague is a student at Concordia

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University in Edmonton, Alberta where he is in the final year of a Bachelor of Arts Program. He will be attending a seminary school program there in September 2008.

Mr. Montague and his wife have a history of being involved in local community activities with their children. As members of the Lutheran Church, in addition to attending services regularly, the Montagues participated often in drama productions and other youth activities. Mr. Montague would select and direct appropriate drama productions. He also frequently designed and constructed sets for the plays. The children were often participants in The productions. Mr. Montague was also closely involved in his children's school activities, again assisting with drama productions and special projects.

Ralph Arndt, Dryden Lutheran Church comments that the Montagues' contributions to social activities at the church were greatly appreciated by all. He further comments that their participation and contribution were very much missed when they stopped attending the church approximately five years ago Mr. Montague and Mr. Arndt concur that the family left the church because the church elders took issue with Mr. Montague's persistent challenge of the Firearms Laws. While they did not object to his disapproval of the law, they did not approve of or accept the means he was pursuing and thus would not support him,

The Montagues have since become affiliated with the Free Methodist Church in Dryden.

Education/Employment / Education/Emploi :

Bruce Montague entered Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario the same year he graduated from High school in 1978. There, he completed a three year program in computer engineering and graduated with an Honours Diploma in 1981. During this period, as a student, he worked for NCR in Waterloo, Ontario during breaks in the school year. This employer offered him a permanent position upon his graduation. Mr. Montague worked for NCR Waterloo until 1991. His position with the company was as a Laboratory Technician and he worked in a research and development laboratory. His work focused on the development of bank proofing equipment. He travelled nationally and internationally to work on equipment that had been developed by the company. Mr. Montague states that he enjoyed working for NCR and that he developed some patents in the company's name, for which he was credited, He quit working for NCR because he wanted to develop an independent business.

During the latter four years of his employment with NCR, Mr. Montague began taking gunsmith courses and doing work as a hobby gunsmith. He had always been interested in firearms. He opened a sports shop business in St. Jacobs, Ontario and offered gunsmith services. He sold the stock he had accumulated and closed the business in 1991 when he and his wife decided to move to Northwestern Ontario, Mr. Montague comments that they did this because they wanted to get away from the intensely urban environment of Southwestern Ontario.

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After relocating to Dryden, Ontario, Mr. Montague continued to operate a gunsmith business. He moved this business to the family home after it was built in Rugby Township. Mr. Montague also operated a water-main leak locating business. This service involved providing municipalities with accurate location of main leaks using electronic equipment that he had developed and adapted for the purpose. He sold this equipment to a municipality in 2003.

Mr. Montague reports that as a gunsmith services he provided included, repairing firearms, mounting telescopes and sights, customizing and modifying equipment to customer requirements and manufacturing firearms. He accumulated the machining tools required to do this work. At his home in Rugby Township, Mr. Montague also constructed a firing range. At this range he fired his personal firearms and test fired firearms that he had worked on. He also held shooting competitions at the range.

Mr. Montague was forced to eventually terminate his gunsmith business after he decided not to renew the necessary firearms licences and he was consequently not able to renew his gunsmith licence as well as a vendors permit. This took place in 2002.

Mr. Montague reports that in addition to his gunsmith business, he also held a trapper's licence and claim staking licence.

Comments provided by sources consistently confirm that Mr. Montague did excellent work as a gunsmith and that he was perceived as an expert in the trade. While he was in business he often provided services to police personnel as well as the public both within and outside of the local.

Substance Use/Addiction / Toxicomanie/Dependances

Mr. Montague is consistently described by associates as being a social drinker who is not given to intemperance. By his own account he consumes alcohol occasionally. There are no indications that Mr. Montague uses illegitimate drugs. Mr. Montague has no history of addiction treatment or any other substance abuse interventions.

Character/Behaviour/Attitude / Caractere/Comportement/Attitude

Sources interviewed generally describe Bruce Montague in positive terms. His eldest son, Steven, 23, relates that he and his father have generally had a positive relationship. Steven left home at the age of seventeen to attend university. He has returned to the family home for one or two weeks during summers and at Christmas vacations to visit. He contacts his parents several times per month by phone.

Steven Montague relates that his childhood was a happy one and that he always had the support of his parents. He states that his father was clearly the "head" of the family who had the last word on important issues. He considers that his father is not an easy going individual in the sense that he is very determined and passionate with respect to issues he believes in. He also states that while his

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father trained he and the other children in firearms safety and handling he did not pressure the children to participate in shooting activities. Steven Montague relates that he participated in two shooting competitions in his teenage years. but that he subsequently lost interest in this activity. In describing his father's reactions when angry, Steven Montague comments that his father does not become violent or animated. Rather he is said to become quiet, does not use abusive language, and that he may remove himself from the situation by "working out at the gym". Steven Montague recalls that during his early childhood his father "spanked" him on a few occasions. but in retrospect does not consider this as having been excessive. Later, his father would discipline only by "brow beating" the children.

Dr. Robert Shorrock, retired dentist, has known Bruce Montague for over ten years. They first became acquainted as members of the Lutheran Church. Dr. Shorrock helped the Montague family with the construction of their log home over a period of several years. Mr. Montague repaired electronic equipment for Dr. Shorrock. Their families socialized. He describes Mr. Montague as "very bright" with a broad range of technical skills. He also comments that Mr. Montague is very helpful towards others. Dr. Shorrock reports that Mr. Montague extended the offer for Dr. Shorrock to shoot at his range. Dr. Shorrock, who has never discharged a firearm and was not interested in doing so. declined. Mr. Montague accepted this fully and it had no effect on their lengthy relationship. However, Dr. Shorrock further describes Mr. Montague as a very determined individual who is too "stubborn for his own good" and "tenacious to a fault". He considers that Mr. Montague is a "martyr who has chosen the wrong cause". Dr. Shorrock is not interested in this cause and stopped associating with Mr. Montague as he became increasingly preoccupied with it. However, he wishes him and his family well.

Mr. Willie Cheslock, a professional financial adviser who is also a trustee for the Scrap Bill C 68 Fund, has known Mr. Montague since he moved to Dryden in 1991. They met as members of the Lutheran Church, became and remain friends to the present time, Mr. Cheslock describes Mr. Montague as being responsible, very intelligent with respect to technical matters, frugal, helpful to others and a good family man. He describes him as one who does not become belligerent or aggressive when angry, He considers that Mr. Montague is not a danger to society He describes Mr. Montague as a "social drinker" whom he has never seen in an intoxicated state, Mr. Cheslock is not interested in competitive shooting and was not a participant in Mr. Montague's shooting activities. They go fishing together. Concerning the offender's conflict with the law, Mr. Cheslock considers him to be highly tenacious, but with considerable cost and sacrifice to the lives of himself and his family.

Mr. Roger Nordlund, a retired Dryden businessman, has known Mr. Montague for sixteen years They met and associated as members of the Dryden Rifle and Pistol Club. They participated in various shooting disciplines. Mr. Nordlund is also a trustee for the Scrap Bill C 68 Fund Mr. Nordlund describes Mr. Montague as a competitive shooter, who was consistently concerned with firearms safety, and whom he has never seen "lose his temper.

Mr. Dan. Landrie, retired businessman, met Mr. Montague during the early 1990's through their membership in the Dryden Rifle and Pistol Club. They became friends and also neighbours in Rugby

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Township. Mr. Landrie describes Mr. Montague as an excellent family man and a very good neighbour who can be called upon at any time for assistance. He has never seen Mr. Montague lose composure when he is angry and describes him as one who is committed to doing things safely. Regarding his conflict with the law, Mr Landrie comments that Mr. Montague is "committed to a fault".

Mr Jim Goldsbury, owner–operator of Rugby Cedar Works is a neighbour and good friend of Mr. Montague. He has known Mr. Montague and his family for over ten years as a neighbour and member of the same church. He describes Mr. Montague as a very good neighbour who will help any time someone is in need. He has often helped him out with repairs to equipment. He considers him to be very knowledgeable and "talented" in technical matters. Further, that he commits himself to completing a project and "doing it right". He considers Mr. Montague to be a good family man He comments that he has never seen Mr. Montague "lose his temper" when angry.

Mario Cosette is a former co-worker of the offender at NCR in Waterloo, Ontario. They worked as technicians In the same laboratory for approximately ten years. Mr. Cosette, who continues to be employed there, has had no communication with Mr. Montague since he left. NCR. He refers to Mr. Montague as "very capable" and "extremely intelligent". He states that Mr. Montague accomplished a lot both on and of the job In terms of completing complex technical projects. He further refers to Mr. Montague as 'creative and unique' in the sense that he did interesting and challenging things such as travelling to exotic locations and engaging in "adventures" that left others in awe. He recalls that he was very pleasant when he chose to be, however, once he committed himself to doing something a certain way, no one could change his mind.

Attitude Towards Offence:

Mr. Montague accepts responsibility for the offences of which he stands convicted. The background of this is found in his orientation with respect to the possession of firearms by the Canadian public. This is undoubtedly well known by the Court and will not be reviewed here. Mr. Montague's position, beliefs and philosophy on this topic are publicly accessible by visiting his website: BruceMontague.ca. Mr. Montague's views with respect to his criticism of Federal Firearms Laws and the Canadian Firearms Centre as well as the practical advantages of firearms possession are further extolled in number of video clips featuring his daughter. These were apparently recorded when she was as young as thirteen (she is now sixteen years of age). They can be viewed by visiting: www.Youtube to access "Katey's Firearms Facts". These brief videos address topics such as the flaws in the Law and the Canadian Firearms Centre, the prevention of violent crime, including rape, by arming women who "have the right to defend themselves. Further topics include "gun control protects rapists" and "teach children firearms safety". In one video clip, Katey is shown holding a handgun with the body of a would be rapist lying on the ground before her. Another video compares the effectiveness of a cell phone and a handgun in preventing rape.

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Response to Community Supervision / Reponse a la supervision au sein de la collectivite;

N/A

Assessment / Evaluation

Sources interviewed with regard to the offender's character, illustrate a picture That portrays him as a man who has many positive attributes. He is capable of getting along well with others and sustaining long term relationships with them. His relationship with members of his family, while he may be the dominant figure, are not indicative of significant dysfunction, authoritarianism or otherwise ineffective parenting. Mr. Montague has a lengthy background of participating in community organizations as an active member and contributor, including his church, his children's school activities and local community hall activities. He is knowledgeable in a wide range of technical areas, helpful to his friends and neighbours who enjoy associating and reciprocating with him,

Descriptions by others illustrate the offender not as an angry man, or one who loses emotional control when he does become angry. He reportedly does not have substance abuse issues. This information comes from those who have known and associated with him for many years With respect to firearms possession by his associates, some use firearms for hunting and shooting sports, others do not. Their comments indicated that they have not felt pressured to possess or participate in the use of firearms.

With respect to his offences and his persistence in challenging the firearms laws of Canada, some have Chosen to disassociate themselves from him while others continue to stand by him. Most wish him well and are hopeful that he and his family will come through.

Mr Montague is described as having been a very good gunsmith when he was practicing this trade as his livelihood. In committing the instant offences and his concomitant challenge of Federal laws, his deliberate actions have impacted unfavourably upon his livelihood as a gunsmith, upon his friends and associates as well as the lives of his immediate family, including the threatened loss of the family home He has the personal skills and resources to pursue a livelihood through other means.

Mr. Montague's orientation may be considered to be extreme, with respect to his views on firearms ownership as well as his means of challenging the law. To publicly assert his contentions via the Internet, using his daughter, may be considered as being exploitative and perhaps foolhardy with respect to her personal wellbeing.

I have consulted with Dr. Neil Brockwell Psychologist, regarding the particulars of this case. On the basis only of information presented to him, Dr. Brockwell offers that persons with seemingly extreme views do not necessarily reflect psychopathology. He further comments that there is no significant evidence to suggest that this offender will act towards others with aggression or violence. Dr. Brockwell suggests that Mr. Montague might benefit from mental health services for support in coping with the aftermath of the Court's disposition and moving forward with his life.

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There is no indication from the sources of information for this report, that Mr. Montague presents an imminent threat to the safety of any individual or the public.

Recommendations / Recommandations:

This inquiry into the offender's circumstances has elucidated no concerns that would indicate that he is unsuitable as a candidate for community supervision of one form or another. A community based sentence is recommended as a feature of the Court's disposition. The following conditions are suggested for consideration by the Court:

- 1 Report as required.
- 2. Abstain absolutely from the purchase, possession and use of any firearms.
- 3. Seek and maintain suitable employment.
- 4. Curfew / home confinement.
- 5. Travel restrictions.

The Court might consider a Firearms Prohibition Order

Respectfully submitted,

Bet Sembrutski

Parole Office



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