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V.

ROXANNE BONANY

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P L E A O F G U I L T

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BRADLEY

On May 14, 2021, at SUDBURY, Ontario

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R. v. Roxanne Bonany
Arraignment

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

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CLERK OF THE COURT: Ms. Bonany, can you hear me okay, this is the clerk speaking?

ROXANNE BONANY: Yes, I can.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Is your date of birth October 2nd, 1975?

ROXANNE BONANY: Yes.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Thank you. Roxanne Bonany, you stand charged with on or about the 1st day of June in the year 2020 and the 30th day of June in the year 2020, at the City of Greater Sudbury in the said Region, did by word of mouth knowingly utter a threat to **Complainant ID**, to cause bodily harm to **Complainant**, I will spell the last name, **Complainant**, contrary to s. 264.1(1) (a) of the Criminal Code of Canada. Do you understand this charge?

ROXANNE BONANY: Yes, I do.

CLERK OF THE COURT: And to this charge, how do you plead, guilty or not guilty?

ROXANNE BONANY: Guilty.

THE COURT: Thank you. At this point I will hear the facts.

MR. KIM: Yes, thank you, Your Honour. On June the 8th, 2020 at 10:51 in the morning the police received a call from a complainant, a woman by the name of **Complainant ID**

who happens to be an immigrant from Kenya with her young children. They resided at the time in **Address**, next door neighbours to Ms. Bonany. **Complainant** indicated to police that her

5 neighbour, Ms. Bonany, had just come home with a
knife, stating that she was going to kill her.
She had just told her that she bought the knife
and had returned back to her residence. The
caller at the time the complainant did not
actually know Ms. Bonany by name. She described
this individual as residing at [Address]
10 in Sudbury, an unknown knife, having a large
knife, described in her statement to be the
length of her arm. Reference was made to several
racial slurs and comments made over the past week
leading up to this particular incident. The
police had to indicate to the complainant that
she is safe, and the police were dispatched
15 immediately. The complainant did describe Ms.
Bonany to be in her forties with three young
daughters and reference were made to further
comments.

20 When police attended approximately five minutes
later, Constable Lawrence arrived on the scene
with Constable Troskowski. The officers spoke to
the complainant who indicated that her direct
neighbour shares a driveway with her at [Address]
25 [Address] and there has been some conflict
over the past little while, leading up to this
particular incident on June the 8th, 2020. For
example, there was some conflict with respect to
the complainant receiving instructions from Ms.
Bonany to clearly not cross over into her part of
30 the - into the accused's part of the driveway,
and further racist comments that I will expand on

further.

When police were speaking to the complainant, [REDACTED] Complainant was visibly upset. She was crying while she was speaking to police officers and indicated that she was experiencing ongoing issues from Ms. Bonany. She continued to make racist remarks to herself, and her children and those comments were expanded in a statement provided to police.

On this particular day she was outside her car boosting her battery, she was just dealing with some car issues, and Ms. Bonany returned back from shopping with her daughters and then approached the complainant's door and tapped on the door and pointed in a knife, or it's visibly referred to a knife that she was holding in her hands and she said, "This knife I just bought for you.", or something to the effect of you see this knife, I bought it specifically for you. And she indicated that this was in the context of further comments made by Ms. Bonany to her and her children.

Again, Complainant is an immigrant from Kenya, she is black, and comments were made by Ms. Bonany that were racist in nature, such as "fuck you" and go back, "you black kids go back to your country", "black nigger". And according to [REDACTED] Complainant these were repeated statements that were made to her by Ms. Bonany after she had - after the complainant had moved into Sudbury housing as

a next-door neighbour. Those racist comments commenced from August 2019 and continued up until this particular incident on June the 8th of 2020.

5 So this particular incident was believed to be the, perhaps the peak that resulted in the police having to intervene with criminal charges.

10 Suffice it to say, the week prior there was a neighbour dispute where the complainant, along with her friend, another immigrant from Nigeria, confronted Ms. Bonany with respect to some racist comments that they perceived to have been made to their children with respect to their skin colour. That prompted the police to be called by Ms. Bonany. No charges were laid against either side, it was deemed to be a verbal dispute.

15 Subsequent to this incident Ms. Bonany was charged and arrested with the offences before the court, and Sudbury Housing was already engaged in an investigation and their own proceedings with respect to Ms. Bonany for other issues, and I will describe them later. Essentially those are the facts of this incident.

20 MR. GAUTHIER: I have instructions from my client to accept those facts.

25 THE COURT: Therefore, based on the facts that I have heard, I will be making a finding of guilt with regards to the charge that Ms. Bonany pled to.

30 [REDACTED]

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