# NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL
**Citation:** *R. v. Thompson*, 2015 NSCA 51

**Date:** 20150529
**Docket:** CAC 418027
**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Ivan Santell Thompson

Appellant

v.

Her Majesty the Queen

Respondent

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice David P.S. Farrar

**Appeal Heard:** March 30, 2015, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Subject:** **Criminal Law. Unreasonable Verdict.**

**Summary:** On May 21, 2011, at approximately 12 midnight, Halifax Regional Police stopped a suspected impaired driver on Main Street in Dartmouth.

A front seat passenger got out of the vehicle and fled the scene during the stop. The police attempted pursuit but quickly lost sight of the passenger. A gunshot was heard and police subsequently conducted a search of the area with a service dog. The search led them to an apartment building close by. As it turned out, the appellant went to an apartment in the building suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to hospital by one of the occupants of the apartment. The trial judge found that it was the appellant who had fled the vehicle, and while fleeing, accidentally shot himself with the gun he possessed.

She convicted him of eight charges based on identification of

a mug shot by the police officer and on circumstantial evidence relating to the possession of a weapon.

Mr. Thompson appeals arguing that the verdict was unreasonable or unsupported by the evidence.

**Issues:** Was the verdict unreasonable or unsupported by the evidence?

**Result:** Appeal dismissed. The findings of the trial judge were available to her on the evidence. In reaching her decision her reasons do not reflect any misapprehension of the relevant evidence on material issues nor do her findings reveal any palpable or overriding error which would make the verdicts unreasonable. Mr. Thompson's arguments that the verdicts are unreasonable and unsupported by the evidence fail.

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