

**NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL**

**Citation: *R. v. Ruddick*, 2009 NSCA 126**

**Date:** 20091209

**Docket:** CAC 305756

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Revere Ernest Ruddick

Appellant

v.

Her Majesty the Queen

Respondent

**Judge:**

The Honourable Justice Nancy Bateman

**Appeal Heard:**

December 4, 2009

**Subject:**

*Criminal Sentencing*

**Summary:**

The appellant entered guilty pleas to charges of aggravated assault; production of marihuana; and two counts of breach of an undertaking. The judge accepted a sentence of 7 years (before credit for remand time) jointly recommended by Federal and Provincial Crowns and defence counsel.

**Issue:**

The offender, represented by new counsel on appeal, says the jointly recommended sentence is excessive.

**Result:**

Looking at the collection of offences and given the particularly serious nature of this assault (the offender slashed the victim on both sides of his neck with broken glass and severed the tendons in one of the victim's hands in a surprise attack from behind, some time after they had had words), the sentence was within the range taking into account the circumstances of the offender and the offence.

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