

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: R. v. Stephen, 2008 NSSC 31

Date: 20080201

Docket: CR 182971

Registry: Halifax

Between: Her Majesty the Queen

v.

Melanie Jane Stephen
(a.k.a. Melanie Jane Stephen - Patriquen)

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Judge: The Honourable Justice Felix A. Cacchione

Heard: February 12, 13, 15, 19-23; March 5-8, 19-21; April 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 26;
May 3, 4; June 5-8; October 29; November 28, 29; December 7, 2007, in Halifax,
Nova Scotia

Subject: Possession of proceeds of crime, money laundering, defence of duress and
necessity.

Summary: Accused charged with possession of proceeds of crime and money
laundering raised defences of duress and necessity based on battered
woman syndrome.

Issue: Whether air of reality to defences raised and whether Crown had proven
beyond reasonable doubt that defences raised did not apply.

Result: Accused convicted on both counts.

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