SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: R. v. Guilbault, 2010 NSSC 26

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Docket: Ann No. 310447 **Registry:** Annapolis Royal

Between:

Patrick Guilbault

Appellant

V.

Her Majesty the Queen

Respondent

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Judge: The Honourable Justice David P. S. Farrar

Heard: December 15, 2009, in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Subject: Criminal Law - s. 259(4)(b) of the *Criminal Code - mens*

rea - presumption of regularity.

Summary: The Appellant was found guilty of operating a motor

vehicle disqualified from doing so. He appealed from the conviction arguing that the Crown had failed to prove the requisite *mens rea* for the offence. The Appellant argued that the presumption of regularity did not apply to prove

the mens rea of the offence.

Issue: Whether the Crown had proven the requisite *mens rea* of

the offence.

Result: Appeal dismissed. The presumption of regularity applied

and the Appellant failed to rebut the presumption.

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