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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

LOCAL COURT

No: 22112874

WORK HEALTH AUTHORITY

and

ARRON KERR

(Sentence)

JUDGE CAREY

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

AT DARWIN ON 25 AUGUST 2021

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Epiq:

HIS HONOUR: Stand up please, Mr Kerr.

I take those matters into account. This is an extremely serious business. It was an extremely negligent oversight and seriously aggravated by the treatment that was given or failed to have been given to this young man who was only 18 years at the time. He was a real novice out there where you work as opposed to yourself and the other people working around you.

And it was also exacerbated by the fact that lies were told as to the cause of the accident and then treatment withheld, proper treatment not afforded to him as soon as it should have been. It appears to have cause ongoing dysfunction in his hand at least now for at least two years and possibly ongoing.

But taking into account all the other factors including your otherwise good record you'll be on 1 and 5 convicted and put on a good behaviour bond for \$2000 OR for two years. That's an aggregate. There'll be two levies attaching to that. In addition to that pursuant to subs 88A of the *Sentencing Act* you're ordered to pay by way of compensation for injury the sum of \$20,000 as directed by the Fines Recovery Unit for payment to Jock Travis Neilsen(?).

It's a fair bit of money. It probably should have been several times more than that as multiplied but I'm taking into account your circumstances and I've done it on the FRU can direct you as and when you pay it so it's not going to send you broke on the way through.

ADJOURNED