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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

LOCAL COURT

No: 22005541

WORK HEALTH AUTHORITY

and

RYAN WATTS

(Sentencing Remarks)

JUDGE BIRCH

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

AT ALICE SPRINGS ON 21 JULY 2020

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Epiq:

HIS HONOUR: All right, well I'm going to take into account that you have pleaded guilty and reduce the penalty that I otherwise would have if the matter had gone to hearing, by 25 percent. I note that you're a person of good character and no doubt after this incident, you were under a lot of additional stress, as well as being required to comply with the notice that was served upon you by work health.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

HIS HONOUR: And I'll have regard to that. I am satisfied and it is a monetary penalty. It's a similar category to the other matter that Ms Nguyen's referred to me but perhaps slightly more serious.

You will be convicted and I order that you pay a fine of \$4000, with a victim levy of \$150.

Arrangements will be made by the Clerk of the Court just to send you a notice about how you pay fines in the Northern Territory, Mr Watts and how you can organise time to pay if you feel that you need to do that.

THE DEFENDANT: Yep.

HIS HONOUR: Anything else Ms Nguyen?

MS NGUYEN: No, your Honour.

HIS HONOUR: Yes, what were you going to say, Mr Watts?

THE DEFENDANT: And so am I – will there be something on my record for this, your Honour?

HIS HONOUR: I beg your pardon?

THE DEFENDANT: Will – so will I have a criminal offence against my record or anything, your Honour?

HIS HONOUR: Yes, you'll have conviction recorded.

THE DEFENDANT: Yep.

HIS HONOUR: In relation to this particular offence.

THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

HIS HONOUR: All right?

THE DEFENDANT: Yep.

HIS HONOUR: Anything else, Ms Nguyen?

MS NGUYEN: There's nothing further, your Honour.

HIS HONOUR: All right, thank you both very much. We'll disconnect.

THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

MS NGUYEN: May it please the court.

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