

IN THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH FOR MANITOBA  
JUDICIAL CENTRE OF WINNIPEG

BETWEEN

HIS MAJESTY THE KING

and

CHAD KABECZ AND IRENE LIMA

Accused

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REASONS FOR SENTENCE  
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6 The Honourable Mr. Justice

The Court of King's Bench

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For the Accused Lima

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For the Accused Kabecz

12 K. Pohorily

Court Clerk

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15 **Reasons for Sentence**

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17 THE COURT:

The depravity is stunning. In over 40

18 years as a lawyer, and as a judge, I have not seen any facts come close to this.

19 Absolutely stunning.

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21 You tortured and killed 90 animals for your own twisted gratification. I cannot  
22 begin to conceive the suffering of each of those defenceless animals as you  
23 tortured them to death for your own deviant sexual pleasure and profit.

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25 The Winnipeg Humane Society in its community impact statement highlights the  
26 vulnerabilities of animals, and in particular cats because they do not have their  
27 own voices and so many are feral with no one looking out for them. They say that  
28 the animals would have suffered extreme anxiety and distress from the torture  
29 inflicted on them and in some cases from having to watch as other animals were  
30 tortured and killed in front of them. Death was not instantaneous for these animals  
31 who would have felt terror as their suffering was prolonged while trying to escape  
32 their abuser.

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34 There are communications in which you discuss a plan to obtain a pregnant dog  
35 and kill each puppy on video at the moment of its birth; finding a homeless man  
36 and a dog to kill; and fantasize about getting a human baby so you could torture it  
37 for your sexual pleasure and profit. You are just fortunate that your enterprise was  
38 interrupted before you could escalate it to those levels.

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40 Your moral blameworthiness is at the highest level and what is remarkable is that  
41 you both led unremarkable lives before this. You went to school, had jobs, and had

1 good and loving families. I am sure that your families were stunned to learn of  
2 these facts.

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4 I am, however, encouraged by the relatively positive pre-sentence reports for each  
5 of you. It appears that each of you is reflecting on your conduct and is  
6 participating in meaningful available programming and working with the staff in a  
7 productive manner. There are no reports that I am aware of, of any institutional  
8 issues, for either one of you. That bodes well.

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10 I am encouraged, despite what the pre-sentence reports say, that you are now  
11 taking responsibility for your crimes. I take your statements in court at face value,  
12 and I think that that bodes well for your future. Taking responsibility is important.  
13 Blaming others is not going to help you. This is all about you. You did it, and you  
14 did it.

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16 In my opinion deterrence and denunciation are the primary sentencing principles  
17 that your sentences must reflect. The sentences must reflect the high level of moral  
18 blameworthiness that you both share, and it must deter you and others like you  
19 from even considering such despicable acts. However, it should also reflect on  
20 your guilty pleas and your prospects for rehabilitation. The sentences must also  
21 serve to protect animals from people like you. The public must know that the law  
22 protects animals as well as people.

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24 Taking all of this into consideration and the able submissions of counsel, I am  
25 prepared to accede to the joint recommendation of your counsel and counsel for  
26 the Crown and sentence you to 12 years as set out by the Crown at the beginning.

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28 Madam Clerk, to be clear, on counts 2 and 3 it will be five years on each count  
29 concurrent to each other.

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31 On counts 4 and 5, five years each, concurrent to each other but consecutive to the  
32 sentences on counts 2 and 3.

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34 On counts 1 and 6, two years, each concurrent but consecutive to 4 and 5.

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36 Have I got that correct?

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38 MR. POLLOCK: Yes.

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40 THE COURT: Okay.

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1 THE COURT: Also there will be a lifetime order under  
2 Section 447.1(1) of the *Criminal Code* prohibiting you from being anywhere near  
3 animals. The clerk will have the details of that. You can't even be in a house  
4 where animals are, and that includes birds.

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6 A DNA sample is to be provided.

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8 Is there anything else?  
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10 MR. SASS: No.

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12 THE COURT: Counsel, thank you for your able work  
13 on this.

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15 I wish you good luck.

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17 MR. POLLOCK: Thank you.

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19 MR. COOK: Thank you.

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21 MR. SASS: Thank you, My Lord.

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23 MR. POLLOCK: Oh, perhaps we should indicate, if the  
24 Court is willing to, sentenced less the time in custody --

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26 THE COURT: Yes. Absolutely.

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28 MR. POLLOCK: -- just in case the sentence calculator is  
29 wondering.

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31 THE COURT: Yes, and that is already noted on the  
32 order, but yes, less the time in custody as noted by the Crown.

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