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**IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON**  
Before His Honour Judge Chisholm

REX

v.

SIMONE STEPHANIE BROOKE THIESSEN-BISHOP  
aka SIMONE THIESSEN-BISHOP

Appearances:  
Jaidan Merry  
Amy Steele

Counsel for the Crown  
Counsel for the Defence

**REASONS FOR JUDGMENT**

[1] CHISHOLM, T.C.J. (Oral): This is the judicial interim release hearing of Simone Thiessen-Bishop. Ms. Thiessen-Bishop is seeking bail with respect to four Informations before the Court.

[2] With respect to the four Informations before the Court, they allege violence, including assault with a weapon, assault, mischief, uttering threats, assault peace officer, and a breach charge. The Crown has proceeded summarily in each case.

[3] I understand that Ms. Thiessen-Bishop is 33 years of age. She has not been, as I understand it, long in the Yukon. She is described by her counsel as a vulnerable person.

[4] Although no criminal record was filed with me for the purposes of this hearing, I have been advised by defence counsel that Ms. Thiessen-Bishop has a limited criminal record which is somewhat dated.

[5] The Crown seeks detention on the secondary grounds because they believe that there is not enough rigour to the proposal that is being made by defence counsel to this Court and they suggest that if Ms. Thiessen-Bishop were to be released, she would require a surety. I take it from the Crown that part of the reason that they are making that suggestion is because of the fact that, with respect to the release of Ms. Thiessen-Bishop on June 12, 2023, she subsequently missed her flight to leave the territory.

[6] I appreciate that the defence is arguing today that there was, in her view, a reasonable excuse and that Ms. Thiessen-Bishop had made strong efforts to make it to the airport.

[7] The defence plan today would see Ms. Thiessen-Bishop travelling directly from the Whitehorse Correctional Centre early next week to the airport in the company of Leah White, a long-standing member of this community who has been involved in work in and around the courts. She is now, as I understand it, an employee of Health and Social Services. This would take place on the morning of June 20, 2023. Once Ms. Thiessen-Bishop reaches Toronto, she would be met by a friend who is a supporter of hers with whom she would reside.

[8] What is different from June 12 to today? It is a similar plan to that proposed on June 12 and, as I have mentioned, Ms. Thiessen-Bishop did not make her flight that was supposed to have left yesterday. On the other hand, the change, I suppose, is that the proposal here has less margin for error in that it would be an early morning release from the Whitehorse Correctional Centre and in the company of Ms. White, who would follow her to the Whitehorse International Airport. And I say “follow” because the plan would be that Ms. Thiessen-Bishop would take a cab and Ms. White would follow the cab to the airport to ensure Ms. Thiessen-Bishop’s arrival inside the airport, and her passing through security, so it would involve a very short period of time on release in Whitehorse.

[9] Although I understand the Crown’s reservations with the plan, on balance, I am satisfied that the plan and the conditions that I will impose will meet the secondary grounds in this matter. It is important, though, that Ms. Thiessen-Bishop know that her chances are probably running out and it is extremely important that she not miss the plane on Tuesday morning.

[10] The conditions of the release are going to be as follows. They will be the same, Madam Clerk, as the previous release with respect to Condition 1, which is the no communication, directly or indirectly, with named individuals.

[11] Regarding Condition 3, the not attend any place of residence, employment, or education of those four named individuals, the latter part of that Condition will not be necessary. It will simply read, “you must not go to any known place of residence,

employment, or education of Albert Metcalfe, Kathy Atkinson, Martin Ruyz, or Amber Shewchuk”.

[12] The next condition would be that she report to a bail supervisor from Whitehorse International Airport on June 20, 2023, prior to her flight to Ontario or on June 21, 2023, from Ontario and thereafter when and in the manner directed by the bail supervisor.

[13] The weapons clause, 8, will remain in force and effect.

[14] Despite the submissions of Ms. Steele, I am going to impose the following condition, that Ms. Thiessen-Bishop not possess or consume alcohol and/or illegal drugs that have not been prescribed to her by a medical doctor while she is in Whitehorse, Yukon.

[15] The next condition is that, upon release from the Whitehorse Correctional Centre on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 a.m., Ms. Thiessen-Bishop is to proceed directly to the Whitehorse International Airport and fly to Ontario and not attend Whitehorse, Yukon thereafter except for the purpose of attending court with the approval of her bail supervisor.

[16] If Ms. Thiessen-Bishop is unable to leave Whitehorse on the 8:00 a.m. flight on June 20, 2023, she must report immediately to her bail supervisor and advise them of the reason that she was unable to do so. In any event, she must leave Whitehorse to fly to Ontario by 9:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023. I know that there are no flights to Ontario after that time.

[17] After June 20, 2023, she is to reside with Alisa Chaly at [redacted], Ontario, and she is to abide by the rules of the residence and not change that residence without the prior written permission of her bail supervisor.

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CHISHOLM, T.C.J.