

STATE OF MAINE  
KENNEBEC, ss.

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SUPERIOR COURT  
CRIMINAL ACTION  
DOCKET NO. CR-02-380

910-4311-5/27/03

STATE OF MAINE  
v.

MAY 27 2003  
Clerk of Courts  
Kennebec County

DECISION ON MOTION  
(M.R. Crim. P. 35)

LEROY GOVE,  
Defendant

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This matter came before the court for hearing on the defendant's motion for reduction of sentence, as amended, pursuant to M.R. Crim. P. 35. On December 2, 2002, defendant Gove changed his plea to all four counts of the indictment after the court's inquiry pursuant to M.R. Crim. P. 11. The governing sentences were on count I (Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence - class C) and count II (Operating After Revocation - class C). As to count I, Gove was sentenced to 30 months to the Department of Corrections. As to count II, Gove was sentenced to a term of five years, consecutive to count I, all suspended and four years of probation. This was a fully negotiated disposition arrived at by the parties.

Subsequent to the sentencing, Gove filed the present motion seeking to have a resentencing.<sup>1</sup> The legal basis for this motion is found in 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1256(2) and (4), which read, in part:

- (2) [T]he court shall state in the sentence of imprisonment whether a sentence shall be served concurrently with or consecutively to any other sentence previously imposed or to another sentence imposed on the same date. The sentences shall be concurrent unless, in considering the following factors, the court decides to impose sentences consecutively.

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<sup>1</sup> Gove's original motion was for a reduction of his sentence, but at the hearing on the amended motion, his attorney indicated that he was now seeking to be resentenced, with the original sentence to act as a cap on the new sentence.

(4) If the court decides to impose consecutive sentences, it shall state its reasons for doing so on the record or in the sentence.

The statute goes on to list four different factors which the court must consider. The court has reviewed the transcript of the Rule 11 sentencing proceeding of December 2, 2002, and must agree with Gove that there was no formal mention of the four factors. The absence of discussion does not mean that the court did not consider the statutory factors in deciding whether to accept the recommended sentence, but that consideration was unstated.

Gove seeks an entire resentencing proceeding as the result of what he sees to be the court's failure to meet the statutory requirement. However, the Law Court has indicated that this is not necessary. In *State v. Powers*, 489 A.2d 4 (Me. 1985), that court considered a very similar situation in which the court sentenced Powers to serve a consecutive sentence without stating his reasons therefor, as required by section 1256.

The Court stated:

The statute does not make explicit the consequences of a judge's failure to meet the requirement of 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1256(4) by stating on the record his reasons for imposing a consecutive sentence. It is plain from the substance of that subsection (4), however, that its purpose is merely to assure convicted persons of a meaningful appeal by requiring that a proper record for appellate review be made by the sentencing court. If such a record is not initially made, the purpose of the statute is fully served by remanding to the Superior Court for a statement on the record of the sentencing judge's reasons for making the sentence consecutive. Since the "statement of reasons" requirement of section 1256(4) is merely a matter of form in terms of its impact on the sentence itself, it may be met by the sentencing court without any need for a second full-blown sentencing proceeding if it was not originally complied with.

*Id.* at 6. In reaching this decision, the Laws Court distinguished its earlier decision in *Bennett v. State*, 433 A.2d 431 (Me. 1981) for reasons which also distinguish it from the

present case. Therefore, this court will answer Gove's motion, and the court will set forth below its reasons for imposing a consecutive sentence.

First, counts I and II of the indictment arise out of the same activity of operating a motor vehicle, but they are separate and distinct crimes. Count I makes Gove's operation of the motor vehicle a crime because of his physical condition at the time of the operation, i.e., his impairment from the use of alcohol. Count II makes his operation a crime because of his legal status at that time, i.e., his right to operate had been revoked as the result of an earlier conviction.

Second, Gove was on probation from a District Court conviction at the time of the incident leading to the present convictions.

Third, Gove had a serious criminal history, specifically a history of operation motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicants. This conviction was his seventh OUI conviction.

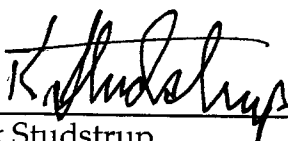
Fourth, it was important to have an adequate period of probation to allow substance abuse treatment and supervision and to promote public safety.

Last, but not least, Gove and his attorney had agreed with the attorney for the State that the sentences would be consecutive.

Having now stated its reasons for accepting the recommendation of consecutive sentences, as required by section 1256(4), the entry will be:

Motion DENIED.

Dated: May 27, 2003

  
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S. Kirk Studstrup  
Justice, Superior Court

STATE OF MAINE  
vs  
LEROY E GOVE  
BOX 353 TOWNHOUSE  
WHITEFIELD ME 04353

SUPERIOR COURT  
KENNEBEC, ss.  
Docket No AUGSC-CR-2002-00380

**DOCKET RECORD**

DOB: 12/10/1959  
Attorney: DAVID PARIS  
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BATH ME 04530-2657  
APPOINTED 02/05/2003

State's Attorney: DAVID CROOK

Filing Document: INDICTMENT  
Filing Date: 10/18/2002

Major Case Type: FELONY (CLASS A,B,C)

**Charge (s)**

1	OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE 29-A 2411(1) Class C	10/01/2002 RANDOLPH
2	OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER REVOCATION 29-A 2557(1) Class C	10/01/2002 RANDOLPH
3	REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO ARREST OR DETENTION 17-A 751-A(1)(B) Class D	10/01/2002 RANDOLPH
4	FAILING TO STOP FOR OFFICER 29-A 2414(2) Class E	10/01/2002 RANDOLPH

**Docket Events:**

10/21/2002 FILING DOCUMENT - INDICTMENT FILED ON 10/18/2002

TRANSFER - BAIL AND PLEADING GRANTED ON 10/18/2002

TRANSFER - BAIL AND PLEADING REQUESTED ON 10/18/2002

10/22/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4

HEARING - ARRAIGNMENT SCHEDULED FOR 10/31/2002 @ 8:30

10/22/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4

HEARING - ARRAIGNMENT NOTICE SENT ON 10/22/2002

DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY, NOTICE WAS SENT TO JAIL

10/23/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4

MOTION - MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CNSL FILED BY DEFENDANT ON 10/23/2002

10/25/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4

MOTION - MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CNSL GRANTED ON 10/24/2002

S KIRK STUDSTRUP, JUSTICE

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10/31/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4  
HEARING - ARRAIGNMENT HELD ON 10/31/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: PAUL RUCHA Reporter: PHILIP GALUCKI  
Defendant Present in Court

READING WAIVED. DEFENDANT INFORMED OF CHARGES. COPY OF INDICTMENT/INFORMATION GIVEN TO DEFENDANT. 21 DAYS TO FILE MOTIONS

10/31/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4  
PLEA - NOT GUILTY ENTERED BY DEFENDANT ON 10/31/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: PAUL RUCHA Reporter: PHILIP GALUCKI  
Defendant Present in Court

10/31/2002 BAIL BOND - NO BAIL ALLOWED SET BY COURT ON 10/31/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: PAUL RUCHA Reporter: PHILIP GALUCKI  
Defendant Present in Court

HOLD WITHOUT BAIL. BAIL MAY BE REVIEWED.

12/12/2002 HEARING - RULE 11 HEARING HELD ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

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12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4  
PLEA - GUILTY ENTERED BY DEFENDANT ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4  
PLEA - GUILTY ACCEPTED BY COURT ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,3,4  
FINDING - GUILTY ENTERED BY COURT ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1  
RULING - ORIGINAL ORDERED ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

It is adjudged that the defendant is guilty of 1 OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE 29-A 2411(1) Class C as charged and convicted.

The defendant is sentenced to the DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS for a term of 30 month(s).

Note : COURT DOES NOT OBJECT TO COMMUNITY THERAPUTIC PROGRAM

It is ordered that the defendant's motor vehicle operator's license or permit to operate, right to operate and right to apply for and obtain a license is suspended for a period of 6 year(s) effective 12/02/2002. The defendant's right to register a motor vehicle is suspended.

Charge #1: It is ordered that the defendant forfeit and pay the sum of \$ 2,000.00 as a fine to the clerk of the court, plus applicable surcharges and assessments.

10% GOV'T OPERATION SURCHARGE FUND \$ 200.00  
\$ 25 VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND  
100% GENERAL FUND \$ 2000.00  
\$ 30 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINES  
2% MAINE COMMUNITY POLICING INST \$ 40.00  
2% MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY \$ 40.00  
1% COUNTY JAIL \$ 20.00  
**TOTAL DUE:\$ 2,355.00.**

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1

RULING - ORIGINAL ISSUED ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

DEFENDANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 2

RULING - ORIGINAL ORDERED ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

It is adjudged that the defendant is guilty of 2 OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER REVOCATION 29-A 2557(1) Class C as charged and convicted.

The defendant is sentenced to the DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS for a term of 5 year(s).

This sentence to be served consecutively to: AUGSCCR200200380 Charge: 1

It is ordered that all of the sentence as it relates to confinement be suspended.

It is ordered that the defendant be placed on a period of probation for a term of 4 year(s) upon conditions attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

\$ 25 VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND  
**TOTAL DUE:\$ 25.00.**

**Special Conditions of Probation:**

Refrain from possession and use of any unlawful drugs and the possession or use of intoxicating

liquor.

Pay to the Department of Corrections a supervision fee of \$10 per month.

Submit to random search and testing for alcohol, drugs upon reasonable suspicion of use or possession.

Undergo substance abuse counseling / treatment, program as directed by the probation officer; consent to the release of any counseling/treatment information to your probation officer, the district attorney and the court. You shall contribute to the cost of any counseling treatment based on your financial ability as determined by the probation officer.

Pay assessments as more fully specified above.

Not operate or attempt to operate any motor vehicles including ATV, motorboat or aircraft until properly licensed by the Secretary of State.

If the defendant has been convicted of an applicable offense listed in 25 MRSA sec 1574(4), the defendant shall submit to having a DNA sample drawn.

Report to probation officer forthwith and as thereafter directed.

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 2

RULING - ORIGINAL ISSUED ON 12/02/2002

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL

DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD

Defendant Present in Court

DEFENDANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 3

RULING - ORIGINAL ORDERED ON 12/02/2002

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL

DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD

Defendant Present in Court

It is adjudged that the defendant is guilty of 3 REFUSING TO SUBMIT TO ARREST OR DETENTION 17-A 751-A(1)(B) Class D as charged and convicted.

The defendant is sentenced to the DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS for a term of 364 day(s).

This sentence to be served concurrently with: AUGSCCR200200380 Charge: 1

\$ 10 VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND

**TOTAL DUE:\$ 10.00.**

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 3

RULING - ORIGINAL ISSUED ON 12/02/2002

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL

DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD

Defendant Present in Court

DEFENDANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 4  
RULING - ORIGINAL ORDERED ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court  
It is adjudged that the defendant is guilty of 4 FAILING TO STOP FOR OFFICER 29-A 2414(2)  
Class E as charged and convicted.

The defendant is sentenced to the KENNEBEC COUNTY JAIL for a term of 180 day(s).

This sentence to be served concurrently with: AUGSCCR200200380 Charge: 1  
This sentence to be served concurrently with: AUGSCCR200200380 Charge: 3  
\$ 10 VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND  
**TOTAL DUE:\$ 10.00.**

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 4  
RULING - ORIGINAL ISSUED ON 12/02/2002  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE  
Attorney: ANDREWS CAMPBELL  
DA: ALAN KELLEY Reporter: DENNIS FORD  
Defendant Present in Court

DEFENDANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT.

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1,2,4  
ABSTRACT - BMV ISSUED ON 12/12/2002

3 SEPERATE ABSTRACTS MAILED

12/12/2002 Charge(s): 1  
ABSTRACT - SBI EDI ON 12/12/2002

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ABSTRACT - SBI EDI ON 12/12/2002

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ABSTRACT - SBI EDI ON 12/12/2002

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01/29/2003 OTHER FILING - STATEMENT OF TIME FILED ON 01/27/2003

CREDIT FOR 63 DAYS TIME SERVED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2002 TO DECEMBER 3, 2002.

02/03/2003 MOTION - MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CNSL FILED BY DEFENDANT ON 02/03/2003

02/06/2003 MOTION - MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CNSL GRANTED ON 02/05/2003  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

02/12/2003 MOTION - MOTION TO PREPARE TRANSCRIPT FILED BY DEFENDANT ON 02/12/2003

Attorney: DAVID PARIS  
REQUESTING 12/2/02 PLEA/SENTENCING DENNIS FORD COURT REPORTER.

02/14/2003 MOTION - OTHER MOTION GRANTED ON 02/13/2003  
S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE



05/19/2003 MOTION - MOTION REDUCTION OF SENTENCE FILED BY DEFENDANT ON 02/03/2003

05/19/2003 HEARING - MOTION REDUCTION OF SENTENCE SCHEDULED FOR 05/23/2003 @ 8:30

NOTICE TO PARTIES/COUNSEL

05/19/2003 HEARING - MOTION REDUCTION OF SENTENCE NOTICE SENT ON 05/19/2003

05/19/2003 WRIT - HABEAS CORPUS TO TESTIFY ISSUED ON 05/19/2003

CERTIFIED COPY TO SHERIFF DEPT.

05/28/2003 HEARING - MOTION REDUCTION OF SENTENCE HELD ON 05/23/2003

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

Attorney: DAVID PARIS

DA: ALAN KELLEY

Reporter: PHILIP GALUCKI

Defendant Present in Court

05/28/2003 MOTION - MOTION REDUCTION OF SENTENCE UNDER ADVISEMENT ON 05/23/2003

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

05/28/2003 MOTION - OTHER MOTION FILED BY DEFENDANT ON 04/11/2003

MOTION TO AMEND PRO SE MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE.

05/28/2003 MOTION - OTHER MOTION GRANTED ON 05/23/2003

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

MOTION TO AMEND PRO SE MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE.

05/28/2003 MOTION - MOTION REDUCTION OF SENTENCE DENIED ON 05/27/2003

S KIRK STUDSTRUP , JUSTICE

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