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## US RECOGNISES FIJI'S ASSISTANCE

The United States Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) presented certificates of recognition to representatives of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and Police acknowledging Fiji's pivotal role in investigating and facilitating the extradition of Kinho Lo to the United States recently to face charges of identity theft and passport fraud.

Lo had been arrested last year (2014) following an application made under Fiji's Extradition Act on behalf of the United States Government. He has since been extradited to the United States and is awaiting trial.

The certificates of recognition noted Fiji's "superb cooperation with the FBI in the development of mutual efforts against crimes that pose dangers on an international scale."

The certificates of recognition also stated that "since criminal activity now crosses many borders, law enforcement agencies around the world must develop unprecedented levels of cooperation. You (*ODPP and Police*) have been instrumental in fostering those efforts, and the FBI is grateful for your selfless contributions."

The certificates were presented by visiting personnel from the FBI in August 2015.

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## 4 December 2015

## Photograph is attached.



The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent office established under section 117 of the 2013 Fijian Constitution. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is motivated by the principle that it is in the interests of justice that the guilty be brought to justice and the innocent are not wrongly convicted.