



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 22 January 2016

Name of matter: STATE-v-Manasa Talala & Ors

Charges

Manasa Talala, Seruvi Caqusau, Kelevi Sewatu, Penaia Drauna, Filise Vere, Viliame Vereivalu, Jona Davonu, Pita Matairavula and Senitiki Natakasavu are charged with rape contrary to section 207 of the Crimes Decree 2009.

In addition, Manasa Talala and Viliame Vereivalu are also charged with defeating the course of justice by instructing other police officers to make false statements.

Update:

This matter was called for Mention at the Lautoka High Court today (22 January 2016) before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

All accused persons were present in court.

Defence counsel sought further time to make representations to DPP on the propriety of the charges.

Court granted two weeks to Defence counsel to make representations.

The matter has been to 5 February 2016 for mention.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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