



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 1 March 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 (1 March 2016) before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

All accused persons were present in court.

All accused persons pleaded not guilty to their respective counts.

The State's application to revoke bail was withdrawn by leave of the court.

The matter has been adjourned to 18 April 2016 for both parties to agree on Admitted Facts.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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