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Judge overturns assessors opinion in AUD \$15 million drug case

Justice Thushara Rajasinghe overturned the assessors unanimous not guilty opinion in the AUD\$15 million (Fijian \$23million) drug case this morning (22.04.16) at the Lautoka High Court.

He found Australian national Joseph Abourizk and Fijian local Josese Muriwaqa guilty of unlawful possession of illicit drugs contrary to Section 5 (a) of the Illicit Drugs Control Act, 2004.

The two were found in possession of 49.9 kg of cocaine in Vuda in July 2015.

The matter has been adjourned to Thursday (28.04.16) for mitigation and sentencing submissions.

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