



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 20 May 2016

Name of Matter: State- v- Mukesh Purohit

Name of Accused: Mukesh Shankarsinh Purohit

Charges:

- Using forged document contrary to Section 157 (1) of the Crimes Decree 2009
- Conspiracy to Defraud- Influencing a Public official contrary to Section 329 of the Crimes Decree 2009

Update

An Indian national has been charged with one count of using forged document and one count of conspiracy to defraud –influencing a public official.

Mukesh Shankarsinh Purohit appeared today (20.05.16) at the Suva Magistrates' Court before Chief Magistrate Usaia Ratuveli.

He is alleged to have used a birth certificate knowing that it is false and conspired with another person with the intention of dishonestly influencing Fiji Immigration Officers in their exercise of their duties in the issuance of passport.

The Court heard that the accused was to be deported tomorrow (21.05.16) to India however charges were laid against him.

The State and Defence made their submissions.

The State served the Disclosures.

The matter has been adjourned to 3 June 2016.

The accused has been remanded in custody.

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