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DPP will not appeal Ponipate Turagalevu sentence

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Mr Christopher Pryde, will not appeal the sentence of imprisonment for Ponipate Turagalevu.

Ponipate Turagalevu was convicted and sentenced to three years and eleven months imprisonment by the Suva Magistrates' Court for two counts of dangerous driving occasioning death, two counts of dangerous driving occasioning bodily harm, one count of driving without a valid driver's license and one count of failing to comply with requirements following an accident.

The decision to appeal against sentence is considered when there is evidence that the Court has made an error in exercising its sentencing discretion or if the Court has acted upon wrong principles or imposed a sentence that is outside the tariff for the offence.

The DPP has carefully reviewed the sentence handed down to Ponipate Turagalevu and is satisfied that there was no error in the sentencing process and therefore declines to appeal the sentence.

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