



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 11 October 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:

A ruling on the Voir Dire hearing was delivered at the Lautoka High Court on Friday last week (7.10.16).

All accused persons were present in court during the Voir Dire hearing from 20-26 September 2016 before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

The trial proper in the alleged rape of Vilikesa Soko will commence on 17 October 2016.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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