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DPP SANCTIONS CHARGE AFTER BOMB THREAT

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has sanctioned a charge against a United Nations Field Security Specialist for providing false information in May of this year to an Air Marshall at Nadi International Airport in breach of section 11 (1) (c) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Act 1994.

It is alleged that, whilst in the secure area of Nadi International Airport, Isireli Dakunimata uttered the words “dua na gasau kuro tiko e na noqu bag qo” translated as meaning, “I have a bomb inside this bag of mine”.

Mr Pryde said, “This is the second time this year we have charged individuals with intentionally making false statements or giving false answers to airline security personnel in the secure area of Nadi International Airport. We also have two other cases that are being investigated by Police with charges likely to follow. It is very important that the public understands that whilst people may think they are just making jokes, anything that implies there is a bomb or some security threat to an airline will be taken very seriously.”

Any person convicted under section 11 (1) (c) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Act 1994 is liable to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for seven years, or both.

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The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent office established under section 117 of the 2013 Fijian Constitution. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is motivated by the principle that it is in the interests of justice that the guilty be brought to justice and the innocent are not wrongly convicted.
