



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Life imprisonment for murder of elderly woman

A fisherman convicted for murder and robbery has been sentenced to life imprisonment by the Suva High Court this morning.

Sudesh Mani Naidu, 40, entered the home of 74 year old Vidya Wati in Lautoka in 2013, assaulted the elderly woman and stole \$2,200 worth of assorted jewellery. Ms Wati later succumbed to her injuries and died in hospital.

Justice Salesi Temo overturned the unanimous not guilty opinion of the assessors and convicted Sudesh Mani Naidu last week for both counts.

Justice Temo sentenced Sudesh Mani Naidu to the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment with a minimum term of 17 years to be served before release may be considered.

He has 30 days to appeal.

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