



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Colombian National sentenced for cocaine importation**

Aiden Alec Hurtado, a Colombian national found guilty for the unlawful importation of illicit drugs into Fiji, was sentenced to 17 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 15 years this afternoon (27.06.17) at the Suva High Court. However, after deducting the period spent in remand, the actual sentencing period for Hurtado will be 13 years and 11 months with a non-parole period of 11 years and 11 months imprisonment from today.

Justice Thushara Rajasinghe convicted Aiden Alec Hurtado last week for unlawfully importing 20.5 kilograms of cocaine into Fiji in 2014. The purity of the cocaine was 89% and had a street value of more than F\$6 million.

Hurtado was being retried after the State successfully appealed his acquittal in 2015.

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**NB: *A copy of the Sentence has been uploaded to the ODPP website.***