



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 15 August 2017

**Name of Matter:** State-v- Avish Singh & Ashnil Prasad

**Name of Accused:** Avish Amendra Singh & Ashnil Krishnil Prasad

**Charge:** Trafficking in persons contrary to section 112 (3) (a) and (b) of the Crimes Act 2009.

**Update:**

This matter was called today (15.08.17) for mention at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

The two accused persons are charged with trafficking a Bangladeshi male into Fiji on the pretext of arranging a job and work visa.

The alleged incident took place between 1 and 2 February 2017 in Lautoka.

Both accused persons have pleaded not guilty to the offence.

The matter has been adjourned to 14 September 2017.

Bail has been extended to both accused persons.

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