



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 4 July 2018

Name of Matter: State-v- Yvette Nikolic

Name of Accused: Yvette Dainne Nikolic

Charge: 1 Count of unlawful importation of Illicit Drugs contrary to section 4 (1) of the Illicit Drugs Control Act, 2004

1 Count of unlawful possession of Illicit Drugs contrary to section 5 (a) of the Illicit Drugs Control Act, 2004 and

1 Count of failure to declare Arms and Ammunition to a Custom Officer contrary to section 21 (1) (a) of the Arms and Ammunition Act, 2004.

Update:

This matter was called today (04.07.18) at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

The Australian national, Yvette Dianne Nikolic, was charged after drugs, arms and ammunition were found on a yacht at Port Denerau Marina, Nadi on 22 June 2018. It is alleged that the accused and another person imported 12.9 kilograms of cocaine and 34.4 grams of methamphetamine and cocaine tablets with an estimated value of between \$20 to \$30 million. It is also alleged that she failed to declare that she had in her possession one 9 millimetre Smith and Wesson pistol with 62 rounds of ammunition and one revolver with 41 rounds of ammunition.

The State sought time to file the Information and disclosures.

The matter has been adjourned to 17 July 2018 for mention and the State has been given time to file the Information and disclosures by 24 July 2018.

The accused has been remanded in custody.

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