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Bail Application by Three Police Officers and One Soldier Charged with Sexual Assault

Three police officers and one soldier appeared in custody at the Nasinu Magistrates' Court this morning for mention.

They are charged with sexual assault contrary to section 210 (1)(a) and (3)(a) of the Crimes Decree 2009 in relation to an alleged sexual assault on Iowane Benedito which occurred in November 2012.

The four are: Sanita Laqenasici, (Police Officer), Jona Davonu, (Police Officer), Filimone Catimaibulu, (Soldier), and Semesi Naduka, (Police Officer).

The Defence made a bail application for all four accused persons to which the State objected.

The State asked for the men to be remanded in custody due to the seriousness of the charge, and that the maximum sentence for the offence of sexual assault is fourteen years imprisonment. The State also informed the Court that two of the accused are charged with other serious offences in the Lautoka High Court.

The matter has been adjourned for Bail Ruling on Friday 30 October 2015.

All accused have been further remanded in custody.

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