



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 11 June 2015

Name of matter: State-v- Manasa Talala & Ors

Name of accused persons:

1. Manasa Talala
2. Seruvi Caqusau
3. Kelevi Sewatu
4. Penaia Drauna
5. Filise Vere
6. Viliame Vereivalu
7. Jona Davonu
8. Pita Matairavula
9. Senitiki Natakasavu

Update:

Matter was called at the Lautoka High Court today (11 June 2015) before Justice Aruna. All accused persons were present in court.

Matter was for Mention to check on *voir dire* grounds for those accused persons intending on contesting the same. Defence counsel sought 14 days from court to prepare grounds for *voir dire*.

Defence counsel also made an application to dispense with the current reporting conditions for the accused persons.

After considering submissions by all parties the court made an order varying all accused persons reporting conditions as follows:

They are now to report to the nearest Police Station on every last Saturday of every month between 9am-12pm.

Matter has been adjourned for Mention on 3 July 2015 to check on the *voir dire* grounds. Bail has been extended for all accused persons.

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