



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 7 August 2015

Name of Matter: State-v-Ilaitia Nalawa

Name of Accused Person: Ilaitia Nalawa

Charges:

- First Count: Burglary contrary to section 312 (1) of the Crimes Decree.
- Second Count: Theft contrary to section 291(1) of the Crimes Decree.
- Third Count: Assault with intent to commit rape contrary to section 209 of the Crimes Decree.
- Fourth Count: Rape contrary to section 207 (1) and (2) (a) of the Crimes Decree.

Update:

This matter was called at the Suva High Court today (7.8.15).

The accused alleged that he was assaulted by police during his caution interview.

The State informed the court that the accused did not raise any such allegations when he first appeared at the Magistrates' Court despite been granted an opportunity to do so.

The State also informed the court that the accused waived his right to counsel when it was put to him in the Magistrates' court.

Matter has been adjourned to 10 August 2015 for State to produce accused's medical report before and after he was interviewed under caution.

State also made an application for a permanent suppression order for the complainant's name, pursuant to section 12 of the Juvenile's act which was granted.

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The media are reminded that suppression orders are in effect with regards to the identity of the victim which includes any details which may lead to identification of the victim. As this matter is now before the courts news reports should be confined to reporting on court proceedings only.