



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 29 October 2015

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

Names of Accused Persons:

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

Update:

This matter was called for mention at the Lautoka High Court today (29.10.15).

All accused persons were present in Court except Jona Davonu who is remanded in custody in Suva for another matter.

The State informed the Court it would be withdrawing the manslaughter count but would be continuing with the rape count.

In addition, Manasa Talala and Viliame Vereivalu are also charged with attempting to defeat the course of justice by instructing other police officers to make false statements.

The Defence sought seven days from the Court for plea on the Amended Information at the next mention date.

The State also filed Voir Dire and additional Disclosures in Court today.

Matter has been adjourned to 5 November 2015 to fix a trial date.

Bail extended for all accused persons in this matter.

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