



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Woman sentenced for money laundering**

A former accounts officer of Art and Soul Limited was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for money laundering by Justice Aruna Aluthge this afternoon (31.01.20) at the Suva High Court.

Nousheen Mezbeen Hussain was convicted of one count of theft, one count of obtaining property by deception and one count of money laundering.

Between 1 January and 31 May 2012, Nousheen Mezbeen Hussain, dishonestly appropriated \$15,362.78 from Art and Soul Limited and between 8 February and 2 March 2012, she dishonestly obtained \$1,772.10 from the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service. Between 1 January and 31 May 2012, she laundered a total of 17,134.88 that were proceeds of crime, knowing or ought reasonably to have known that the said sum was derived or realised directly or indirectly from some form of unlawful activity.

Justice Aluthge sentenced Nousheen Mezbeen Hussain to 18 months for theft, 2 years for obtaining property by deception and 3 years for money laundering. The court also imposed a fine of \$1000.

The sentences are to be served concurrently.

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