



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Rakiraki Lawyer and Accountant Charged with Conversion**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has sanctioned charges against a lawyer and an accountant for their part in defrauding their client of \$120,740.

Semi Titoko and Aporosa Ratuveikau of Qarcia Barristers and Solicitors, Rakiraki, have both been charged with 8 counts of conversion by a trustee in relation to their failure to properly account for monies received on behalf of a client.

Semi Titoko has also been charged with perverting the course of justice arising from an attempt to prevent the client from continuing a complaint to the Legal Practitioners Unit.

The matter will be for mention on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Rakiraki Magistrates' Court where the State will make an application for the matter to be transferred to the High Court.

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