



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 26 February 2020

Name of Matter: State-v- Semi Titoko and Aporosa Ratuveikau

Name of Accused: Semi Titoko and Aporosa Ratuveikau

Charges: Conversion by trustee (x8)
Perverting the course of justice (x1) (Semi Titoko)

Update:

This matter was called today (26.02.20) at the Rakiraki Magistrates' Court before Magistrate Lisiate Fotofili.

Lawyer Semi Titoko and accountant 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. They allegedly defrauded their client of \$120,740 between September and December 2017.

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 State filed the amended charge and made an application for the matter to be transferred to the Lautoka High Court due to the seriousness of the offence.

The Court ordered the State to file a formal application for the case to be transferred to the Lautoka High Court.

The case will be called on 18 June 2020 at the Rakiraki Magistrates' Court.

Bail has been extended for both accused persons.

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