



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 4 March 2020

Name of Matter: State-v- Solomone Nute and Ors

Name of Accused: Solomone Nute, Salaciel Tabalailai, Marika Iranasau, Koroi Lakokilepanoni, Vilikesa Baledruma, Elizabeth Sautu and Romeo Nasila

Charges: Conspiracy to defeat the course of justice (x1)

Update:

This matter was called today (04.03.20) at the Suva Magistrates' Court before Chief Magistrate Usaia Ratuveli.

The seven police officers; Solomone Nute, Salaciel Tabalailai, Marika Iranasau, Koroi Lakokilepanoni, Vilikesa Baledruma, Elizabeth Sautu and Romeo Nasila are charged with one count of conspiracy to defeat the course of justice.

It is alleged that on 5 May 2019, the seven police officers conspired with each other to pervert or defeat the course of justice to make a false statement in relation to a traffic investigation at Kadavu Police Station.

The State served first phase disclosures.

All accused persons have been granted bail on strict conditions.

The case has been adjourned to 31 March 2020 for plea.

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