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Date: 18 June 2020

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

Name of Accused: Semi Titoko and Aporosa Ratuveikau

Charges: Conversion by trustee (x4) (Semi Titoko)

Aiding and abetting conversion by trustee (x4) (Aporosa Ratuveikau)

Perverting the course of justice (x1) (Semi Titoko)

Update:

This matter was called today (18.06.20) at the Rakiraki Magistrates' Court before Magistrate Lisiate Fotofili.

Lawyer Semi Titoko and accountant Aporosa Ratuveikau of Qarcia Barristers and Solicitors, Rakiraki, are charged with conversion by a trustee and aiding and abetting conversion by 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 is also charged with perverting the course of justice arising from an attempt to prevent the client from continuing with a complaint to the Legal Practitioners Unit.

Both accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges

The case has been adjourned to 2 September 2020 for a hearing on the State's application to have the matter transferred to the Lautoka High Court.

Bail has been extended for both accused persons.

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