



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 20 November 2020

**Name of Matter:** State-v- Mikaele Lawaniyavi & Ors

**Name of Accused:** Mikaele Lawaniyavi, Josateki Rabula & Isikeli Lagibalavu

**Charges:** Manslaughter (x3)

**Update:**

This matter was called today (20.11.20) at the Suva High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

The State filed and served the formal Information (Indictment) and disclosures.

Mikaele Lawaniyavi, Josateki Rabula and Isikeli Lagibalavu are charged with one count each of manslaughter. The three allegedly assaulted a 54-year-old bus driver in his bus which was parked at the Nausori bus station on 3 October 2020. The victim succumbed to his injuries and died on 9 October 2020.

All accused persons have been granted bail under strict conditions.

The case has been adjourned to 30 November 2020 for plea.

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