



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 22 February 2021

Name of Matter: State-v-Rusiate Tuga Ralase & Ors

Name of Accused: Rusiate Tuga Ralase, Simone Basulu, Apisalome Vesikula, Samuela Antonio and Orisi Tukana

Charges:

- (i) Abuse of office (Rusiate Tuga Ralase and Simone Basulu)
- (ii) Conspiracy to defeat justice (Rusiate Tuga Ralase, Simone Basulu, Apisolome Vesikula, Samuela Antonio and Orisi Tukana)

Update:

This matter was called today (22.02.21) at the Suva Magistrates' Court before Magistrate Jeremaia Savou.

Police officers Rusiate Tuga Ralase, Simone Basulu, Apisalome Vesikula, Samuela Antonio and Orisi Tukana are jointly charged with one count of conspiracy to defeat justice for allegedly planting a small bag containing methamphetamine inside the complainant's car in April 2020.

Rusiate Tuga Ralase and Simone Basulu face an additional charge of abuse of office for allegedly arresting the complainant without any lawful basis and in abuse of their office which was an arbitrary act.

The case has been adjourned to 23 April 2021 for plea.

Bail has been granted to all accused persons.

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