



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Police and Military Officers sentenced in Iowane Benedito case

Two military officers and three police officers were convicted and sentenced for the sexual assault of Iowane Benedito on Monday (08.08.22).

Sanita Laqenasici, Jona Davonu, Filimoni Catimaibulu (now deceased), Semesi Naduka and Pita Matairavula sexually assaulted an escaped prisoner in 2012 at Colo-I-Suva and a video of the incident was uploaded onto YouTube.

They were sentenced to four years imprisonment with a non-parole period of three years.

Pita Matairavula and Jona Davonu's sentences were made concurrent to the term they are currently serving for their involvement in the rape in 2014 of Vilikesa Soko and Senijeli Boila. Vilikesa Soko later died in hospital as a result of the rape.

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