

ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

High Court grants Restraining Order in Civil Forfeiture application

The Suva High Court has granted a Restraining Order application concerning two properties that are linked to the 4.1 tonne of drug case which is currently on trial in the Lautoka High Court.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions filed its application in the High Court in its civil jurisdiction pursuant to section 19 (A-C), 34 and 35 of the Proceeds of Crimes Act 1997.

The application pertains to a land comprising an area of 1293 square meters, a property and land comprising of 1157 square meters, in Denarau, Nadi, identified during a financial investigation as properties used to store 4.1 tonne of drugs. The properties are worth \$8.8 million and is linked to one of the accused person, Justin Ho who is currently on trial facing several drug related charges.

The ODPP in its application is also seeking a final order for these two properties to be forfeited to the State pursuant to section 19 (c- e) of the Proceeds of Crimes Act 1997.

The Restraining Order granted by the High Court ensures the assets remain preserved pending the determination of the forfeiture application.

In another matter, the ODPP has filed a civil forfeiture application in relation to another drugrelated offending with properties suspected to be proceeds of crime. This matter is fixed for hearing on 30 September, 2025.

The ODPP is realigning its strategic focus to intensify efforts towards the identification and seizure of assets suspected to be linked to criminal activities, particularly drug related offending, and in doing so, the ODPP is determined to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises by targeting the financial incentives derived from illegal means.

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NB: Pictures below.



Acting Corporal Talemaitoga Dautu filed the affidavit in the Civil Registry of the High Court in relation to the restraining order application.



Acting DPP, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva with lead investigator in this case, Acting Coporal Talemaitoga Dautu appeared for the restraining order application, on Tuesday (10.6.25) at the Suva High Court.



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Acting DPP, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva and Principal Legal Officer (OIC), Ms Moira Konrote appeared for the restraining order application, this morning (12.06.25) at the Suva High Court.