



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Principal accused in the 4.1 tonne drug case sentenced to life imprisonment

In a landmark decision, Justin Ho, the principal accused in the 4.1 plus tonne drug case has been sentenced to life imprisonment by the Lautoka High Court this afternoon (28.8.25).

Justin Ho, David Heritage, Louie Logaivau, Jale Aukerea, Sakiusa Tuva, Ratu Aporosa Davelevu, Ratu Osea Levula, Cathy Tuirabe & Vilimae Colawaliku who were charged with the importation and possession of 4.1 plus tonnes of methamphetamine between November 2023 and January 2024 in Nadi. Additionally Justin Ho, Louie Logaivau and Jale Aukerea are charged with having property suspected of being the proceeds of a crime. They were all found guilty of their respective charges last month.

Justice Aruna Aluthge sentenced Justin Ho to life imprisonment with a non-parole period of 30 years. In addition to Justin Ho, the other eight accused involved in this matter was also handed substantial sentences. The sentences are:

Name	Sentence
Justin Ho	Life imprisonment with a non-parole period of 30 years
David Herritage	55 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 25 years.
Jale Aukerea	50 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 25-years
Loiue Logaivau	25 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 18-years
Sakuisa Tuva	25 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 18-years
Osea Levula	17 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 13 years

Cathy Tuirabe	15-years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 12 years
Viliame Colaaliku	15 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 12 years.
Ratu Aporosa Davelevu	14 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 12-years

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions acknowledges the hard work of the team of investigators from the Fiji Police Force who have been instrumental in the intervention of this largest drug trade in the Pacific and securing evidence that led to a successful prosecution.

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