



ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

23 February 2026 – 27 February 2026

Case 1: State v Samuela Dasalusalu

Charge:

- Murder

Samuela Dasalusalu charged with the murder of a 16-year-old girl appeared in the Suva High Court this week.

It is alleged that the accused struck a 16-year-old girl with a cane knife when the victim had gone to a village shop to purchase a packet of juice.

The State is yet to file the Information and full Disclosures in this matter.

The Court granted a further psychiatric evaluation of the accused and directed the State to investigate his allegation that prison officers have been taking away his medication prescribed to him by the Saint Giles Hospital.

The matter has been adjourned to 27 March 2026. The accused has been further remanded in custody.

Case 2: State v LT

Charges:

- 2 counts of Rape
- 2 counts of Criminal Trespass
- 1 count of Indecently Annoying or Insulting Any Person

A 15-year-old juvenile charged with the rape of two overseas volunteers appeared before the Lautoka High Court.

It is alleged that on 14 June 2025, the juvenile unlawfully entered an accommodation home in Sigatoka and raped two women aged 19 and 20 years.

The State has filed the Information and Disclosures. The accused has pleaded not guilty to all counts.

The matter has been adjourned to next month for mention. The juvenile is on bail under strict conditions.

Case 3: State v Peter Tuidraki

Charges:

- 1 count of Rape
- 1 count of Sexual Assault
- 2 counts of Indecent Assault

Peter Tuidraki appeared before the Lautoka High Court charged with rape and sexual assault of two tourists.

The 25-year-old tour guide is charged with one count of rape, one count of sexual assault, and two counts of indecent assault of a 25-year-old Chinese national and her 51-year-old mother.

The victims had hired the accused for a snorkeling services during their stay in Nadi on 31 December 2023 when the accused allegedly committed the offences.

The State has filed the Information and Disclosures.

The matter has been adjourned to 5 March 2026 for plea. The accused has been further remanded in custody.

Case 4: State v Samuela Tawase

Charges:

- 1 count of Sacrilege
- 1 count of Damaging Property

Samuela Tawase appeared before the Suva Magistrates' Court charged with an act of sacrilege incident at the Samabula Shiv Temple.

The 28-year-old accused is alleged to have jumped over the temple fence on 13 July 2025 and damaged religious idols.

The matter has been set for trial from 31 March to 2 April 2026.

The accused has been further remanded in custody.

NB: *Trial for the former PM, AG and Health Minister begins Monday 2 March 2026 at the Suva High Court before Justice Ratuveli.*