



## ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

9 March 2026 – 13 March 2026

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### Case 1: State v Joshua Rahman

#### Charge:

- 1 count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs

The ODPP has filed a Petition for special leave to Appeal to the Supreme Court today in relation to the Joshua Rahman drug case.

Joshua Rahman was convicted and sentenced to 23-years imprisonment with a non-parole of 14-years for the unlawful possession of 39.5 kilograms of cocaine. He then appealed both his conviction and sentence. The Court of Appeal quashed his conviction and sentence and ordered a re-trial.

In light of this, the ODPP is appealing this decision in the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the matter of re-trial was called at the Suva High Court this week.

The State sought a trial date later in the year. The State will also be reviewing and confirming the list of witnesses and evidence to the Court on the next date. A tentative trial date has been set from 2 to 28 November 2026.

The accused was granted bail under strict bail conditions.

Matter is adjourned to 13 April 2026 for Pre-trial Conference.

***NB: Some media organisation had been incorrectly reporting that the accused is acquitted and set free, this is incorrect. His conviction and sentence is quashed but his charges for unlawful possession remains with a re-trial pending.***

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### Case 2: State v Keni Salawai & Jope Seniloli

#### Charge:

- 1 count of murder

Keni Salawai and Jope Seniloli, charged with the murder of Police Constable 8012 Peniasi Racagi, appeared before the High Court in Suva for first call.

It is alleged that between 21 and 22 February 2026, the two accused persons, together with another individual, aided and abetted in causing injuries to Constable Racagi, which resulted in his death.

The matter has been adjourned to 27 March 2026 for the State to file the Information and Disclosures.

The accused persons have been further remanded in custody.

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### **Case 3: State v Vaseva Kabu**

#### **Charge:**

- 1 count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty

Vaseva Kabu, charged in relation to the death of her two-year-old son, appeared before the High Court in Lautoka for first call.

She is charged with one count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that on 18 October 2017 in Tavua, the accused neglected to supervise her toddler while on a bus. The child allegedly put his head outside the bus window and got trapped between the bus and an EFL post, resulting in his death.

The State has filed the Information.

The matter has been adjourned for disclosures on 18 March 2026.

The accused person's bail was further extended.

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### **Case 4: State v Artika Sharma & Ors**

#### **Charges:**

- 1 count of Kidnapping
- 1 count of act with intent to cause grievous harm
- 1 count of assault causing actual bodily harm
- 1 count of damaging property and
- 1 count of criminal intimidation

Artika Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Ravinal Anand and Sanjay Kumar charged in relation to allegedly kidnapping a 20-year-old woman appeared at the Lautoka High Court for first call.

Artika Sharma is charged with one count of kidnapping, one count of damaging property, and one count of act with intent to cause grievous harm. Ajay Kumar, Ravinal Nand and Sanjay Kumar are charged with one count of kidnapping, one count of assault causing actual bodily harm, and one count of criminal intimidation.

It is alleged that on 25 February 2026, Artika Sharma forcefully removed the victim from her home and forced her into a vehicle while the other three accused persons allegedly assaulted a relative who attempted to intervene.

The accused persons have filed bail applications. The bail hearing will be held on 16 March 2026, while the substantive matter to check on the Information and Disclosures will be called on 23 March 2026.

All accused persons have been further remanded in custody.

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## **Case 5: State v Lui Bale Vuiberata**

### **Charges:**

- 1 count of causing harm by posting an electronic communication

Lui Bale Vuiberata charged in relation to making derogatory and harmful comments on *Tiktok* about Minister for Information Lynda Tabuya, appeared at the Suva High Court.

It is alleged that the accused person posted derogatory and harmful comments about the Minister on 14 September 2025.

Summary of Facts were read out in Court and agreed by the accused person following which the Victim Impact Statement was read.

Sentencing and Mitigation submissions were filed.

Meanwhile, the accused has another matter before the Magistrate Court for breach of his bail conditions. The accused is charged with three counts of breach of bail for failing to surrender his travel documents, failing to deactivate his social media accounts, and continuing to post on his *Tiktok* account, conditions that were part of his bail.

The matter is adjourned to 17 March 2026 for sentencing in the High Court and the breach of bail matter in the Magistrates' Court.

The accused person was further remanded in custody.