

ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

7 April 2026 – 10 April 2026

Case 1: Alexander Leweniqila, Manoa Vakavunivalu and Aisake Lovobalavu

Charge:

- 1 count of murder

Three tertiary students charged in connection with the death of a 30-year-old man appeared first call at the Suva High Court today (10.4.26).

It is alleged that the accused persons, Aisake Lolobalavu, Alexander Leweniqila and Manoa Vakavunivalu assaulted the victim last month, resulting in his death.

The State has requested time to file the Information and Disclosures.

Matter is adjourned to 5 May 2026.

Aisake Lolobalavu applied for bail variation interms of his residence and reporting times and the same was granted. The accused persons bail was further extended.

Case 2: Fenton Thaggard

Charge:

- Manslaughter

A seventh accused person has been charged in relation to the death of Richard Mock and was produced before the Nadi Magistrates' Court today (10.4.26).

Fenton Thaggard, a police officer, is charged with one count of manslaughter. It is alleged that between 16 and 17 January 2025, he, together with another person, unlawfully assaulted Richard Mock, resulting his death.

The State made an application for the matter to be transferred to the Lautoka High Court, to be heard jointly with the cases of six other police officers facing charges arising from the same incident.

The matter has been adjourned and will be called at the Lautoka High Court on 13 April 2026.

The accused has been further remanded in custody.

Case 3: Peceli Rokoralovo

Charge:

- 1 count of murder

Peceli Rokoravolo, who is charged with the murder of Dr Isireli Biumaitotoya, appeared before the Lautoka High Court.

The accused applied for bail; however, the State objected during last week's hearing, citing his multiple previous convictions.

Bail pending trial was refused, and the accused remains in custody.

The trial has been scheduled for two weeks, from 29 June to 10 July 2026.

The matter has been adjourned to a later date to address pre-trial issues.

Case 4: Kalaveti Ravu and Tekata Toaisi Acquittal Decision

After reviewing the facts and the acquittal decision of the Suva Magistrates' Court, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided not to appeal the matter.

Former Fisheries Minister Kalaveti Ravu was charged with interfering in the lawful process of a ministerial investigation into the suspected trade of banned beche-de-mer between July and August 2023. Tekata Toaisi, the Regional Fisheries Manager, was charged with aiding and abetting the former minister.

Both of them were found not guilty and were acquitted accordingly by the Suva Magistrates' Court earlier this year.