

ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

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Case 1: Komal Sapna Singh & Susana Radinivulagi

Charges:

- 1 count of manslaughter
- 1 count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty

Komal Sapna Singh and Susana Radinivulagi, charged in relation to the death of 3-year-old Elijah Jibola, appeared in the Lautoka High Court today (17.4.26).

Komal Singh is charged with one count of manslaughter. It is alleged that on 29 January 2026 she allegedly driving a motor vehicle in Sigatoka in a reckless manner that caused the death of the victim who was crossing the road at the time of incident.

Susana Radinivulagi was also charged with one count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that on the same day the accused neglected to supervise the child in the course of her duty which led to the victim's death,

The matter has been adjourned to 2 June 2026 for plea.

The accused persons bail was further extended.

Case 2: State v Sonal Kumar, Abdul Saiban & Ors

Charge:

- 1 count of manslaughter
- 1 count of accessory after the fact to manslaughter
- 1 count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty

Seven police officers charged in relation to the death of Richard Mock appeared at the Lautoka High Court today (17.4.26)

Police officers, Sonal Kumar and Fenton Thaggard are charged with one count of manslaughter. It is alleged that between 16 and 17 January 2025, the accused persons assaulted the victim which caused his death.

Abdul Saiban, retired police officer, is charged with one count of accessory after the fact to manslaughter. It is alleged that he assisted Sonal Kumar and Fenton Thaggard knowing that they

were involved in the commission of an offence against the victim, in order to enable them to escape punishment.

Police officers Owen Smith, Isireli Nagilolevu, Ratu Peni Masara Ranamu and Ratu Filimoni Yawayawa are charged with one count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that they failed to exercise due care and attention in the course of their duties, which led to the victim's death.

The accused persons have applied for bail, however the State has object to their bail citing seriousness of the matter.

The matter was adjourned to 6 May 2026 for bail hearing.

The accused persons have been further remanded in custody.

Case 3: Apisai Madigubuli

Charges:

- 1 count of murder

Apisai Madigubuli, is charged with the murder of his 25-year-old wife. The victim was later confirmed to have been four months pregnant at the time of her death.

It is alleged that on 25 April 2024, the accused stabbed his wife. The court heard that the accused had booked a room at the Waimanu Apartments for the victim and their three-year-old daughter. Between 4:00am and 5:00am, the accused emerged from the room wearing bloodstained clothes carrying his daughter. He requested the staff of Waimanu Apartments to contact police, stating that he had stabbed his wife.

The accused had earlier pleaded not guilty and the matter proceeded to trial.

On 15 April 2026, the prosecution closed its case after calling a total of 14 witnesses. On 16 April 2026, Justice Dane Tuiqereqere ruled that there was a case to answer.

When given the opportunity to present his defence, the accused elected to remain silent and chose not to give evidence or call any witnesses.

The matter has been adjourned to 23 April 2026 for closing submissions. The accused has been further remanded in custody.