

ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

20 April- 24 April 2026

Case 1: Inoke Qalololoma

Charges:

- 1 count of manslaughter

Inoke Qalololoma is charged with one count of manslaughter. It is alleged that the accused assaulted a 43-year-old man multiple times, causing him to fall and hit his head on the pavement, resulting in his death.

The alleged incident took place on Christmas Eve in 2023 at Lami.

The accused has pleaded not guilty, and the matter proceeded to trial. The prosecution closed its case after calling five witnesses while the accused gave evidence in his defence.

The matter was scheduled for closing submissions today (24.4.26); however, court transcripts were not ready. The Court has directed both the prosecution and defence to file written submissions within seven days.

The matter has been adjourned to 14 May 2026 for judgment. The accused person's bail was further extended.

Case 2: State v Shonal Sharma

Charge:

- 1 count of unlawful importation of illicit drugs

Shonal Sharma is charged for allegedly importing 640.139 grams of cocaine through DHL Express in October last year.

It is alleged that on 30 October 2025, the accused collected a package declared as a smoke machine from the DHL Services Office in Raiwaqa. He was subsequently intercepted by police officers, and the package was found to contain a white substance. Preliminary testing confirmed the substance to be cocaine.

The accused appeared at the Suva Magistrates' Court yesterday (23.4.26).

The State informed the Court that further investigations are required and sought one month time to allow the Police to complete their inquiries. The application was granted.

The same was granted by the court and the matter is adjourned to confirm State's position on 9 June 2026. The accused person's bail was further extended.

Case 3: Apisai Madigubuli

Charge:

- 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.

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.

The accused chose not to give evidence or call any witness.

The State and Defence presented their closing submissions yesterday (23.4.26).

The matter has is set for judgment on 12 May 2026. The accused has been further remanded in custody.