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High Court convicts man of wife's murder

A man accused of murdering his 25-year-old wife was found guilty by the Suva High Court this morning (4.6.26).

Apisai Madigibuli was charged with one count of murder for stabbing his wife. The victim was later confirmed to have been four months pregnant at the time of the incident.

The court heard that on 25 April 2024, 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. He then requested the staff of the 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. When given the opportunity to present his defence, the accused elected to remain silent and chose not to give evidence or call any witnesses.

In his judgment delivered this morning, Justice Dane Tuiqereqere found Madigibuli guilty of murder and convicted him accordingly.

The matter has been adjourned to 16 June 2026 for sentence hearing. The accused has been further remanded in custody pending sentencing.

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