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High Court sentences man of pregnant wife's murder

A man convicted for the murder of his 25-year-old pregnant wife was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Suva High Court this morning (2.7.26).

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.

The State called 14 witnesses during the trial, however when given the opportunity to present his defence, Apisai Madigibuli remained silent and chose not to call any witness.

Last month in delivering his judgment, Justice Dane Tuiqereqere had found Apisai Madigibuli guilty of murder and convicted him accordingly.

Apasai Madigibuli was sentenced to the mandatory life imprisonment for murder with a minimum term of 20 years, 9 months and 3 weeks to be served before he can apply for a pardon.

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