



ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

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Case 1: State v Dominiko Tabao, Saimonu Rakotunidau & Jone Rakatia

Charges:

- 1 count of attempted murder
- 1 count of serious assault
- 1 count of going equipped

Dominiko Tabao, who is charged in relation to the alleged accident at Laqere, appeared before the Suva High Court today (3.7.26) before Justice Dane Tuiqereqere.

Co-accused person Saimoni Rokotunidau and Jone Rakatia also appeared separately for the matter.

Dominiko Tabao and Jone Rakatia are charged with one count of attempted murder, one count of serious assault and one count of going equipped. Saimoni Rokotunidau is charged with one count of attempted murder, one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs, one count of going equipped, one count of serious assault, and one count of refusing to have his fingerprints and photographs taken. It is alleged that the accused persons attempted to murder a police officer who was manning a roadblock on 26 April 2026.

The State sought further time to file the Information. The State will be filing and serving the disclosures by close of business today (3.7.26).

The Court has instructed the court to file the Information by 10 July 2026 whilst the plea for the accused persons will be taken on 14 July 2026.

Bail for the accused persons was further extended.

Case 2: Vaseva Kabu

Charge:

- 1 count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty

Vaseva Kabu, charged in relation to the death of her two-year-old son has pleaded not guilty to the charge before the Lautoka High Court.

She is charged with one count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that on 18 October 2017 in Tavua, the accused neglected to supervise her toddler while on a bus. The child allegedly put his head outside the bus window and got trapped between the bus and an EFL post, resulting in his death.

The State and Defence have been instructed to sort out pre-trial issues (if any) before the next date.

The matter is adjourned to 16 July 2026 for PTC. The accused bail was further extended.

Case 3: State-v- Jekope Nakula and Ors

Charges:

- Acts intended to cause grievous harm

Four police officers charged in relation to an assault matter, appeared in the Suva Magistrates' Court yesterday afternoon before Resident Magistrate Charles Ratakele.

Jekope Nakula, Maciu Tuira, Tokoni Nemia and Unaisi Naqiri are charged with one count of act intended to cause grievous harm. It is alleged that the four assaulted a man during a drug raid in Wailea in 2024.

The four appeared for their bail ruling. The Court granted the four bail under strict conditions.

The substantive matter will be called on 8 August for plea.

Case 4: State-v- Savenaca Damuni, Vinay Prakash and Sushila Devi

Charges:

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

A father has been convicted and sentenced, while two company directors remain before the court, in relation to the death of a six-year-old boy at a timber yard in 2023.

Savenaca Damuni pleaded guilty to one count of manslaughter arising from a breach of duty. He admitted that he failed to take necessary precautions by allowing his six-year-old son to stand on the blade of an operating forklift, causing the child to fall and be run over by the forklift, resulting in his death.

Damuni was convicted and sentenced to two years and eight months' imprisonment. He is to serve six months in custody, with the remaining 26 months suspended for five years.

Meanwhile, Vinay Prakash Chandra and Sushila Devi, directors of Raviravi Investment Timber & Hardware (PTE) Ltd, had earlier pleaded not guilty. They are alleged to have permitted their employee, Savenaca Damuni, to operate a forklift without a valid industrial truck licence, which allegedly contributed to the child's death.

the Defence sought additional time to file signed agreed facts. The court granted the application and adjourned the matter to 17 July 2026. Bail for Vinay Chandra and Sushila Devi was further extended.

Case 5: State v Imran Khan

Charge:

- Unlawful possession of illicit drugs.

Imran Khan, who was charged with one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs, appeared before Resident Magistrate Yogesh Prasad in the Suva Magistrates' Court earlier this week for sentencing.

Imran Khan was convicted and sentenced to four years and three months' imprisonment after he was found in possession of 4.1364 grams of methamphetamine in 2023.

The illicit drugs were concealed in a modified water bottle inside his vehicle which was considered as an aggravating factor.

In sentencing, the Court stated that deterrence through substantial prison sentences is necessary to demonstrate that the Court will not show leniency to offenders involved in drug activities.

Khan will be eligible for parole after serving three years of his sentence.