



## **ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin**

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

#### **Charge:**

- 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 (12.6.26) before Justice Dane Tuiqereqere.

Co-accused persons Saimoni Rokotunidau and Jone Rakatia also appeared separately today in the same court.

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 directions from the Court regarding the three separate matters, and the Court ordered that the cases be consolidated and proceed as one matter. The State has been granted 21 days to file the Consolidated Information.

Counsel for Saimoni Rokotunidau was absent from today's proceedings and has been directed to appear on the next court date.

Following the conclusion of the other matters, Jone Rakatita was produced before the Court. The State informed the Court that Rakatia has filed a bail application. The State is to file its response by 19 June 2026.

The substantive matter has been adjourned to 3 July 2026.

Jone Rakatai's bail application has been adjourned to 26 June 2026. The bail of Dominiko Tabao and Saimoni Rokotunidau was extended, while Jone Rakatai was further remanded in custody.

## **Case 2: State v Artika Sharma & Ors**

### **Charges:**

- 1 count of attempted murder
- 2 counts of kidnapping
- 1 count of assault causing actual bodily harm and
- 1 count of damaging property

Artika Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Ravinal Anand and Sanjay Kumar appeared today (12.6.26) before the Lautoka High Court in relation to the alleged kidnapping of a 20-year-old.

The four accused were initially charged with acts intended to cause grievous harm. However, following a review of the evidence, the charges were upgraded to attempted murder.

It is alleged that on 25 February 2026, the accused persons attempted to murder the 61-year-old man after he intervened to save the 20-year-old woman from being kidnapped.

The State has filed the Information and Disclosures.

The State sought further time to serve additional disclosures.

The matter is adjourned to 3 July 2026. The accused persons bail was further extended.

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## **Case 3: State-v- Savenaca Damuni, Vinay Prakash and Sushila Devi**

### **Charge:**

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

A father and two company directors charged in relation to the death of a 6-year-old boy at a timber yard appeared at the Suva High Court this week.

Savenaca Damuni is charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that he failed to take necessary precautions by allowing his six-year-old son to stand on the blade of a forklift while it was in operation. The child allegedly fell from the forklift and came underneath the vehicle, resulting in his death.

Vinay Prakash Chandra and Sushila Devi, directors of Raviravi Investment Timber & Hardware (PTE) Ltd, are alleged to have permitted their employee, Savenaca Damuni, to operate a forklift despite knowing that he did not possess a valid licence to operate an industrial truck, and that such negligence contributed to the child's death.

The alleged incident occurred on 2 May 2023 at a timber yard in Vatuwaqa, Suva.

Savenaca Damuni pleaded guilty to charge. The State presented summary of facts and the accused admitted to the same.

Sentence hearing and mitigation submissions were made by the State and Defence counsel respectively.

Matter is adjourned to 30 June for sentencing of Savenaca Damuni while Vinay Chandra and Sushila Devi will appear for PTC on 2 July 2026.

All accused persons bail was further extended.

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#### **Case 4: State v Imran Khan**

##### **Charges:**

- 1 count of contravention of restraining order

Imran Khan, charged with one count of contravention of restraining order appeared at the Suva High Court yesterday (11.6.26).

Between 16 September 2025 and 1 October 2025, the accused is alleged to have knowingly contravened a restraining order issued by the Civil High Court in 2023 by disposing of motor vehicle registration number KNGKHN through facilitating the transfer of said motor vehicle to his brother.

The matter was for plea and the accused pleaded guilty.

The State submitted their summary of facts and the accused admitted to the same.

The Court has directed the State and Defence to submit their sentencing and mitigation submissions within 14 days.

The matter is adjourned for sentencing on 14 July 2026. The accused was further remanded in custody.

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#### **Case 5: State v JW**

##### **Charges:**

- Nine counts of rape

A 41-year-old man charged with nine counts of rape of his 14-year-old stepdaughter appeared at the Lautoka High Court earlier this week.

It is alleged that between 2020 and 2026, the accused raped his stepdaughter multiple times. The alleged incident started when the victim was 8-years-old in 2020. The victim is pregnant as a result of the alleged abuse.

The State filed the Information and Disclosures and the accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The matter is adjourned to 26 June 2026 for bail hearing. The accused was further remanded in custody.

**Case 6: State v Ashneel Nath****Charge:**

- One count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty

Ashneel Nath, is charged with one count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty Contrary to Section 240 and Section 241(5) of the Crimes Act 2009 read with section 43(1)(c) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1996.

The accused appeared in the Suva High Court yesterday (11.6.26).

It is alleged that on 30 June, 2023 the accused whilst employed as an OHS inspector by the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations breached his duty of care by failing to properly inspect a 12-seater Ferris wheel operated by Wilderness Ethnic Adventures Fiji, resulting in the death of a 21-year-old woman.

The State filed the amended Information.

The matter is adjourned to 9 July, 2026 for plea. The accused bail was further extended.