

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE COOK ISLANDS  
HELD IN AUCKLAND

C.A. 4/2004

IN THE MATTER of Article 60(2)(e) of the Constitution

BETWEEN THE POLICE

Appellant

AND METUA JOHN MARU

Respondent

Hearing: 12 November 2004

Coram: Barker JA (Presiding)  
Henry JA  
Smellie JA

Counsel: T Elikana for Appellant  
No appearance for Respondent

Date of minute: 2 September 2004

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**(ORAL) MINUTE OF THE COURT**

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Solicitors:

Crown Law Office, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, for Appellant


[1] This Crown appeal against sentence was scheduled to come before the Court today but we were advised that previous counsel, Mr George, had no instructions on behalf of the Appellant and, understandably, there has been no appearance personally by the respondent. That results in an unsatisfactory situation so far as this Court is concerned.

[2] We have ascertained that the Court can sit in Rarotonga on Thursday, 18 November 2004 at 3.00 pm. Accordingly, this appeal is adjourned to that date and time.

[3] The respondent is potentially liable to a term of imprisonment and for that reason he is directed to surrender himself to the Registrar of the High Court at Rarotonga by 2.30 pm next Thursday, 18 November 2004.



Barker JA



Henry JA



Smellie JA

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