

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL, FIJI ISLANDS
APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No: AAU0066 of 2008

BETWEEN:

FILIMONE VETAU

Appellant

AND:

THE STATE

Respondent

Coram: Hon. Mr. Justice Goundar
Hon. Mr. Justice Temo
Hon. Mr. Justice Thurairaja

Counsel: Appellant in person
Mr. S. Qica for State

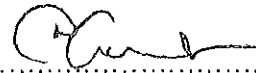
Hearing: 16 November 2010

Ruling: 16 November 2010

R U L I N G

- [1] The appellant applies for an adjournment to engage counsel to represent him in his appeal. He informs the Court that his application for legal aid has been refused and that his family is arranging for a private counsel to represent him. Counsel for the State does not object to an adjournment.

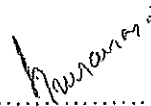
- [2] The appellant was represented by counsel at the trial. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment with a fixed term of 18 years to serve.
- [3] Given the seriousness of the offence we feel that an adjournment should be granted to allow the appellant to engage counsel to represent him in the appeal.
- [4] Adjournment is granted. The appeal is to be listed in the next year's call-over to check on legal representation.



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Hon. Mr. Justice D. Goundar
Judge of Appeal



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Hon. Mr. Justice S. Temo
Judge of Appeal



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Hon. Mr. Justice S. Thurairaja
Judge of Appeal

Solicitors:

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