## IN THE COURT OF APPEAL, FIJI

### ON APPEAL FROM THE MAGISTRATES COURT

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Exercising extended jurisdiction

### CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. AAU 177 OF 2017

(Magistrates Court No: 235 of 2016 at Nadi)

**BETWEEN** 

ISOA NASOVA

Appellant

AND

THE STATE

Respondent

Coram

Calanchini P

Chandra JA

Counsel

Mr M Fesaitu for the Appellant

Ms W Elo for the Respondent

**Date of Hearing** 

2 October 2019

**Date of Ruling** 

25 October 2019

# **RULING**

### Calanchini P

[1] Following a trial in the Magistrates Court at Nadi exercising extended jurisdiction the appellant was convicted on one count of aggravated robbery. He was subsequently sentenced to 2 years 10 months imprisonment with a non-parole term of 2 years.

[2] The Appellant then filed a notice of appeal against conviction and sentence that was out of time by about 3 months. On 11 July 2019 the Appellant filed an application to abandon his appeal against conviction and sentence pursuant to Rule 39 of the Court of Appeal Rules.

In accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court in Masirewa –v- The State (CAV 14 of 2008; 17 August 2010) the application to abandon the appeal was listed for hearing before the Court of Appeal. At the hearing the appellant confirmed that his decision to abandon the appeal was made voluntarily. He confirmed that he had received legal advice and that he understood the consequences in the event that his application were granted. The appellant also advised the Court that he is to be discharged in December of this year.

[4] Under the circumstances the application to abandon the appeal against conviction and sentence is granted and the appeal is dismissed.

#### Chandra JA

[5] I agree.

Order:

Appeal against conviction and sentence is dismissed.



Hon Mr Justice W D Calanchini PRESIDENT, COURT OF APPEAL

Hon Mr Justice S Chandra

JUSTICE OF APPEAL