

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF FIJI**  
**AT SUVA**  
**CRIMINAL JURISDICTION**  
**CRIMINAL CASE NO. HAC 134 OF 2019S**

**STATE**  
**Vs**  
**TIMI RATINI**

**Counsels** : **Ms. M. Konrote for State**  
**Ms. S. Hazelman and Ms. L. Filipe for Accused**

**Hearings** : **23 and 24 September, 2019.**

**Summing Up** : **26 September, 2019.**

**Judgment** : **26 September, 2019.**

**Sentence** : **26 September, 2019.**

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**SENTENCE**

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1. The accused had been remanded in custody for approximately 6 months. This appears to be a two-third sentence for a 9 months prison sentence. So, in sense, the accused had already served a sentence of 9 months imprisonment, minus the one-third deduction for good behavior, leaving a balance of approximately 6 months.
2. In my view, the accused, while remanded in custody for 5 months 23 days, he had already served his sentence, for count no. 1 (assault).
3. I release him forthwith, with a warning not to assault or harass his wife anywhere in Fiji again, if he does, I have the power to recall him for further dealing on this case.

4. 28 days to appeal to the Court of Appeal.



**Solicitor for the State**  
**Solicitor for the Accused**

**:** **Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Suva.**  
**:** **Legal Aid Commission, Suva.**

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**Salesi Temo**  
**JUDGE**