

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC
(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION)

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Bodilly
exercising jurisdiction under the
provisions of the Western Pacific
(Courts) Order in Council, 1961.

HOLDEN: At Honiara in the British Solomon
Islands Protectorate on ~~Wednesday~~
the 5th day of October
1966 at 0900 o'clock in the
fore noon.

REGINA

versus

BEN AKWAI

For the Crown: *Att. G. Hindleugh.*

For the Accused: *In person unrepresented*
(1) Wilson Taloga (Lau language)
Interpreter: *(2) Demolheus Iovasia (Bira language)*

Charge explained to the accused: *by ~~Justice~~ Registrar*

Accused when called upon to plead says:

FIRST COUNT: *Guilty*

SECOND COUNT: *"*

THIRD COUNT: *"*

COURT ENTERS A PLEA OF:

FIRST COUNT: *Guilty*

SECOND COUNT: *"*

THIRD COUNT: *"*

Mr. Hindhaugh states facts:

The Complainnt lives on Koal Ridge. The windows are mosquito screened. The doors lock with Union Locks and Comp: keeps the keys, except the kitchen door for which the head boy has a key. The boy used to leave the key in the outside of the door. On 7.9.66 in the evening Comp and cook boy went out. Other servants remained in the house. When Comp came back the key was missing. This incident was forgotten till the 19.9.66. On that night there were six beers in frig. Next morning they were missing. A check of the house showed that no forced entry had been made. Complainant changed the lock on the kitchen door and reported to the police. On 22.9.66 the accused was interviewed and found to be in ~~xxxx~~ possession of a Union Key. It was the key which fitted the Comps old lock. Accused was arrested and under caution admitted the offences charged. On the day when the key was lost the accused had been to the house looking for work.

(Accused admits above facts)

The accused has many p.c.s- twelve.

(List read to accused as attached- Accused admits each p.c.)

Mr. Hindhaugh cont:

Acc; is single. In late 20s and comes from Malaita. No education. He takes domestic jobs from time to time. The longest he has held any job is two years in Yandina. He has a bad record for drunkenness and this is probably the source of his trouble. He is at present serving six months imprisonment for malicious damage committed while drunk.

Mitigation

Accused: I have nothing to say.

I have no witnesses to call.

Sentence: Six months imprisonment on 1st and 3rd Count each.
Two years imprisonment on 2nd count.

Sentences to run concurrently with each other but consecutive to the sentence presently under service.

Loelyn Botley
Chief Justice.

5.10.1966.

Acc: informed informed of his right of appeal.

JB.