

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 Yandina in the British Solomon  
Islands Protectorate on Monday  
the nineteenth day of September  
1966 at 0900 o'clock in the  
fore noon.

REGINA

versus

FIFANAFKA FATALO'OWA

For the Crown: ~~xxxxxxx~~ P.J. Keenan, Crown Counsel.

For the Accused: In person

Interpreter: Lino Kalai (Kiu language)  
Sworn on Bible.

Charge explained to the accused: by Judge

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty

Crown Counsel states facts:

On 10th June Teika, the Complainant, and his wife

left their home for a few days. They shut up the house with a piece of wire and left all their valuables in a suit case. They came back on 14th June. The case contained the items listed in the charge. They found the case missing. Enquiries were made and accused interviewed. He admitted the offence, and showed the police where he had hidden the case.

Accused is 30. Married. One daughter, two sons. No education. He is a copra cutter at 18 dollars p.m. He has no p.c.s.

( Assued admits facts correct.)

Mitigation.

Accused states:

I would like to know how I was found out.

( Is told he was seen in possession of some of the contents of the case)

I have nothing to say.

I have no witnesses.

*Teika B. S. Teika*

Sentence: Six months imprisonment.

Order: Return suitcase and contents in Court to Complainant Teika.

Accused informed of right of appeal against sentence.

*Teika B. S. Teika*

Note on sentence: Liency due to fact that accused has no p.c.s and is a very simple fellow. It would be a mistake to bind over or fine, but short sentence probably enough to bring it home to him that housebreaking is punishable.

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