

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 Kira Kira in the British Solomon
Islands Protectorate on Friday
the 13th day of January
1967 at 2.30 o'clock in the
after noon.

REGINA

versus

JOHN PATTESON KULUAMBO

For the Crown: Inspector Dofar. B.S.I. Police, Kira Kira.

For the Accused: In Person unrepresented.

Interpreter: Henry Salibuka (Reef Island Language)
Sworn on Bible.

Charge explained to the accused: By Court

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty.

Prosecutor relates facts:

On a day between I.5.65 and I.7.65 at Ngwanie,
in the Reef Islands the accused had sexual intercourse
with Lengas Lanuoplo who is his daughter. There was
intercourse on a number of occasions. The accused was
at the time a widower. I do not know exactly when his
wife died but it was not long before the incident.

He lived with his daughter in his house and his other children. As a result of this intercourse Lengas gave birth to a baby daughter. It was born in the Reef Island hospital on the 30.3.66. This case was reported to a police patrol on the 6.4.66 by the Reef Islands Council President. As result of the police investigation the accused was interviewed and admitted the offence under caution. The accused has been on bail till today. The child of Lengas is living. The Accused is about 35 years old. His daughter, the complainant is between 19 and 20 years. He has a family all told of seven-five girls and two boys. I do not know the ages of the family but the next girl to Lengas is still at school, the remainder are at home. The accused is a cultivator and has a garden and he also fishes.

(Accused admits the facts as correct)

Accused states: I admit the facts and I have nothing to say. I must have been mad to do it. There were other women. I knew it was wrong.

Inspector Dofar: No previous convictions. Accused is unemployed. He has not been in custody.

Sentence: Two years imprisonment.

Reason for sentence.

Incest is frowned upon by all sections of the community and is not to be tolerated.

(Accused is informed of his right of appeal against sentence)

Joseph Bodily
Chief Justice.
13.1.67