

IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS MAGISTRATES' COURT
AT HONIARA
Criminal Case No. 276 of 2018



REGINA
v.
Gila KIKO KAIMANASI

Before: Principal Magistrate Ms. Fatimah Taeburi
Mr. Waokea for the Crown
Ms. Manebosa for the defendant

Date: 5th June 2018

SENTENCE

1. You pleaded guilty to one count of larceny from person contrary to section 270 of the Penal Code.
2. I enter conviction against you.
3. Facts;
4. You stole the complainant's bag during broad day light in the centre of Point Cruz.
5. The complainant's bag contained money and other items.
6. You ran away with the bag.
7. The complainant shouted after you.
8. Fortunately a police officer was in the area at the time.
9. The officer chased after you and caught up with you.
10. The bag was taken from you and returned to the complainant.
11. All the money and items inside the bag were returned to the complainant.
12. Aggravating factors;

13. You premeditated the offending.
14. This clear from the fact that you and other friend of yours approached the complainant.
15. Your friend kept the complainant busy by trying to persuade him to buy a power bank.
16. In the meantime you grabbed the bag and ran off.
17. Mitigating;
18. You pleaded guilty.
19. The properties were recovered. This of course has nothing to do with you. It was just fortunate that you were caught.
20. I take into account that you have 20 previous convictions. Your convictions started from 2009 to 2017. You have 4 priors on theft related offences.
21. It means that you have not learnt your lesson.
22. You and others must learn that it is wrong to steal from other people. If you want to own things you have to work and sweat for it. You cannot steal another person's hard work and sweat. Stealing is a very shameful and disgraceful conduct.
23. The maximum for the offence you committed is 14 years imprisonment.
24. In 2011 you were convicted of robbery and sentenced to 15 months imprisonment.
25. After you came out from prison, you went and stole again and you were sentenced to 3 months imprisonment in 2017 for simple larceny.
26. Due to your previous convictions, in my view, a long custodial sentence is necessary to teach you.
27. I sentence you to 2 ½ years imprisonment.
28. Right to appeal within 14 days



Ms. Fatimah Taeburi

Principal Magistrate