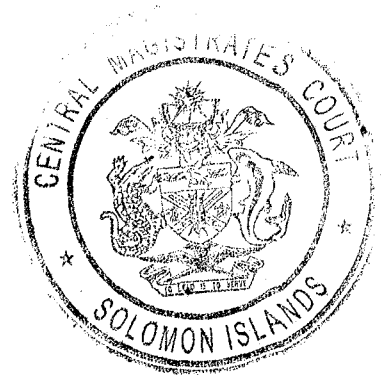


IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS MAGISTRATES' COURT  
AT HONIARA  
Criminal Case No. 344 of 2018



**REGINA**  
v.  
**Adrian BILLY**

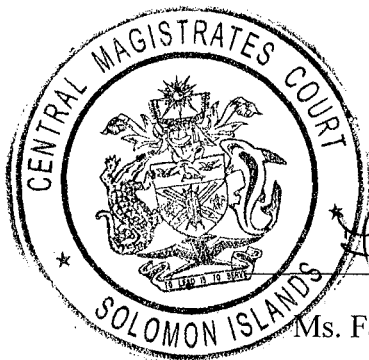
Before: Principal Magistrate Ms. Fatimah Taeburi  
Mr. Abel Maelanga for the Crown  
Mr. Daniel Kwalai for the defendant

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**SENTENCE**

1. You pleaded guilty to one count of threats to burn contrary to section 331 of the Penal Code.
2. I enter conviction against you.
3. You have a licence to operate logging. The licence was used by the complainant's company namely Elite Company to carry out logging operations.
4. Certain terms and conditions were agreed upon between you and the complainant's company as part of the agreement.
5. The complainant's company did not fulfil their part of the agreement.
6. As a result you were frustrated. You wrote a letter and delivered it at the company's headquarter at Randai. You threatened to burn the company's office and ships.
7. They reported the threats to the police and you were charged with this offence.
8. You have been remanded in custody for more than 3 months now.
9. I consider it aggravating that you put your threats in writing. It shows that you are serious about the threats and that you have calculated your moves to intimidate the complainant.
10. Other than that, I take into account that you pleaded guilty at the first opportunity.

11. You were provoked to some extent. You have attempted to settle this issue with the complainant for some time. Their continuous ignorance of your claims has frustrated you and led you to act in this manner.
12. Your claims are of course genuine and appear legitimate. But the manner in which you have resorted to resolve the issue is wrong. There are other lawful ways to resolve your grievances.
13. You have no previous convictions.
14. You are a mature man so for most parts of your life you have been a law abiding citizen.
15. You did not act on your threats.
16. The maximum penalty for the offence you committed is 7 years imprisonment.
17. I consider the time you spent in custody is enough punishment in the circumstances.
18. You are to be released from custody at the rising of the court.
19. You are to enter into a bond to be good behaviour to 1 year in your recognisance.
20. Right to appeal within 14 days.



Ms. Fatimah Taeburi

Principal Magistrate