

IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS MAGISTRATES' COURT  
AT HONIARA  
Criminal Case No 503 of 2018

**REGINA**

**v.**

**Ben BUGA**

Before Principal Magistrate Ms. Fatimah Taeburi

Mr. Iete Tepakota for the Crown.

Mr. Ron Dick Pulekera for the defendant.

Date of Sentence: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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**SENTENCE**

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1. You pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful wounding contrary to section 229 of the Penal Code.
2. I enter conviction against you.
3. The facts in your case are as follows;
4. You assaulted your victim with a chain. He sustained serious injuries to his face.
5. I find it aggravating that you used a weapon.
6. I consider the injuries sustained as serious.
7. I consider the forehead as a vulnerable part of the human body. You had hit the victim's forehead with a chain.
8. I consider the following mitigating factors;
9. You pleaded guilty.
10. You have no previous convictions.

11. You are a young person under the Juvenile Offenders Act. I will therefore treat you differently from other adult offenders.
12. The fact that you are a young man also means that there is higher possibility of rehabilitation.
13. You have reconciled with the victim.
14. I consider your personal circumstances.
15. I also consider the time you have spent in custody for this offence.
16. In my view the appropriate sentence is 10 months imprisonment.
17. Upon your release, you are to enter into a bond to be of good behaviour for a year in your own recognisance.
18. Right of appeal within 14 days.

Ms. Fatimah Taeburi  
Principal Magistrate

