

IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRATES COURT-

AT HONIARA

Criminal Jurisdiction

Criminal Case Number 659/2018

REGINA

V

JOHN WALESIOFA

Police Prosecution: Mr. Pitasua

Defence: Self-represented

Plea: 17th July 2018

Sentence: 18th July 2018

SENTENCE

Mr. Walesiofa you pleaded guilty to the following traffic offences;

1. Using unlicensed motor vehicle contrary to section 7 (1) of Road Transport Act.
2. Driving without a valid driving license contrary to section 20 (1) of the Road Transport Act.

The facts are that you on 3rd of July 2018 between 10:00 and 11:00 you were driving a grey CRV RAV4 registration No. MA-7853 on the Mendana Avenue road in front of the Central Police Station.

It was discovered by Police that the vehicle license had expired since 30th April 2018. Your driver's license had also expired since 14th June 2018.

You have a responsibility to ensure that licenses are renewed when they are due. The aim of having the traffic regulations is to ensure that only certified qualified drivers operate vehicles with valid licenses on the roads. This is purposely to safeguard and protect not only your safety but the safety of the public.

Having weighed the facts of the case, the need for deterrence and your personal circumstances, including the pleas of guilt to the charges by both of you, the Court is of the view that the appropriate sentence to be imposed in the circumstances of your case are fines.

Sentence orders

Using unlicensed motor vehicle contrary to section 7 (1) of Road Transport Act – A fine of \$500.00

Driving without a valid driving license contrary to section 20 (1) of the Road Transport Act. A fine of \$ 300.00

Total fine to be paid is \$800.00. In default, forty days imprisonment.

Payable by 4:30 pm today.

THE COURT

