

IN THE HONIARA, CENTRAL MAGISTRATE COURT
OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

Date of hearing: 29/07/2020

CRC: 373 OF 2020

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6/08/20
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REGINA V AUGUSTIN Matetano

Coram: Mr Augustine AULANGA
Pros: Mr. Jonathan AUGA
D/C: Mr. Emy RUSI

Defendant: Accused is on Bail.

Ruling on SFPI

Pros Auga: Matter is for plea and PI. If defence can indicate form of PI. The accused was 19 years of Age when he committed the offence. Therefore, the Juvenile offenders Act did not apply to him.

D/c Emy: I elect SFPI

Court: Arraign the Accused

Accused: Understand the Charge and Plead Not Guilty

Pros: I rely on 3 prosecution witness; Edwina Grace, Tarasisia Eyu and Teresia Huicha.

D/c: Agree that there is sufficient evidence to commit the matter to the High Court.

Pros: Ask the court to adjourn the matter to this afternoon to tender to court the additional statement of the victim's mother.

Court: Adjourned to 2:00PM today for confirmation of PI hearing.

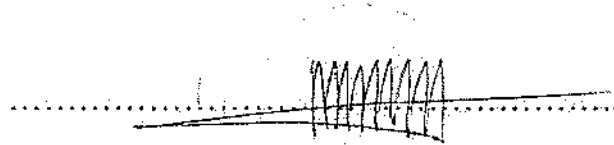
Pros: Tender copy of the Statement of Teresia Huicha dated 20/01/2020 to become part of the committed papers Also,

Tender the knife (weapon) to become the hard evidence of the prosecution for purpose of committal hearing.

Court: I have perused the 5 witness' statements and I am satisfy that there is sufficient evidence to commit the accused, Augustin Matetano, to the High Court for the charge of attempt rape contrary to section 136F (4)(a) and (b) of the Penal Code (AMENDMENT) (SEXUAL) Offenses Act 2016.

Court: The accused bail will be enlarged on the same terms and condition.

He needs to appear at the High Court in Honiara on the 28/08/2020 at 1:30pm for first mention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Augustine Aulanga', is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the line.

Principal Magistrate Augustine Aulanga.