



**IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRATES COURT
IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS**

Criminal Case No: 107 and 120 of 2020

In the Criminal Jurisdiction

BETWEEN: HONIARA CITY COUNCIL

**AND: ~~ANDREW MEAIO~~
Michael
MICHAEL**

Before: Emily Z Vagibule

Ambrose Motui for HCC

Defendant appearing for himself

Date of hearing: 17th February 2020

Sentence delivered: 17th February 2020

SENTENCE

1. Defendant pleaded guilty to 2 counts of hawking, both of which occurred on two separate dates. Before the court are two separate files, both of which relate to the Defendant.
2. The offending relates to hawking in a public place which carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000.
3. For a person to engage in what the defendant has engaged in, he or she must first of all have a license. Such license must be issued by HCC.
4. There are so many people engaging in this activity. Many have been dealt with by the court. Instead of learning from those who have already been dealt with by the court, people keep on doing it over and over again.
5. Such action shows a total disrespect for the laws put in place by HCC. When we do not follow these small laws, then there is a likelihood that we will not respect the laws of this nation as a whole.
6. Do not be too ignorant of the law. It does you no good.
7. If you need money, there are many ways you can engage yourself in. Ways that are lawful.
8. I note from what is before me that you have been arrested on 5/02/2020, you were supposed to appear in court on 13/02/2020 but you failed to. You were again arrested this morning.
9. This shows that you have not learnt anything at all after being arrested the first time. Do not use your personal circumstances to justify your actions.
10. I will consider your early guilty plea, the fact that you are a first time offender as well as the fact that you are unrepresented.

11. Prosecutor has sought the court to impose on higher sentence of the fine ranging from \$600 - \$800.

12. In my view I will consider a range between the range of \$400 - \$600 with \$400 as my OP

400 -290/m

= \$110 + \$ 200

= \$ 310

Charge on 107/2020 & 120/2020, Total is \$ 620.00

13. With this calculation and for purpose of deterrence , I will now sentence you as follows;

107/2020 C1 - \$ 310 default 20days

120/2020 C1 - \$ 310 default 20days

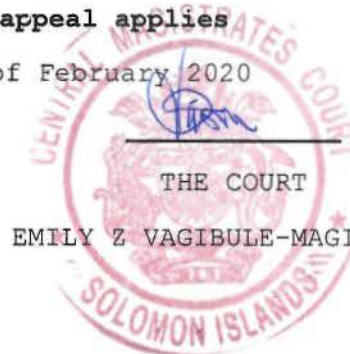
ORDER

14. **Total fine of \$ 620 due by 7.00 PM Today, in default 40days imprisonment.**

15. **PB of \$ 500.00 also due by 7 Pm today in default 20days imprisonment.**

16. **Right of appeal applies**

Dated this 17th day of February 2020



EMILY Z VAGIBULE-MAGISTRATE