

**IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS MAGISTRATES' COURT  
AT HONIARA  
Criminal Case No. 1041 of 2020**



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**REGINA  
v.  
John FOLIA**

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Before: Principal Magistrate Ms. Fatimah Me'ere Taeburi  
Sergeant Iete Tepakota for the Crown  
Mr. George Taedi (PSO) for the Defendant

Date of Hearing: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Date of Sentence: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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**SENTENCE**

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1. The accused pleaded guilty to one count of false pretence contrary to section 308(a) of the Penal Code.
2. He gave a fake scholarship offer letter to the complainant and received \$2000.
3. I convict him.
4. In sentencing him I consider that there was pre-meditation.
5. The amount of \$2000 is substantial. It was never recovered. I consider the loss suffered by the complainant.
6. I take into account that he pleaded guilty to the charge.
7. He has no previous convictions.
8. He is a young man.
9. I consider his personal circumstances.
10. The maximum penalty for false pretence is 5 years imprisonment.

11. In my view the appropriate sentence is 1 year imprisonment.
12. Time spent in custody is included.
13. Right to appeal within 14 days.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2021



Principal Magistrate ~~Ms. Fatimah Me'ere Taeburi~~