

IN THE TULAGI MAGISTRATE COURT
Criminal Case 337 of 2021



REGINA
V
PATTERSON LOKEA

P/C Kangea for the Crown
Counsel Mr. Harunari for the Defendant

Date of Hearing: 1st July 2021
Date of Judgment: 2nd July 2021

SENTENCE

PM Taeburi,

1. The accused pleaded guilty to one count of illegal sale of liquor contrary to section 57(1) of the Liquor Act.
2. He admitted that he sold a container of what is commonly known as 'kwaso' to a person. He does not have a licence to sell liquor.
3. He is 14 years old. He has no previous conviction. He pleaded guilty to the charge.
4. The illegal sale of liquor carries a maximum penalty of \$2000 fine for first time offenders.
5. In this case, I am mindful not to impose a punishment that will destroy the defendant's opportunities. His is very young and his life has just begun. I am of the view that this case is of a trivial nature.
6. I consider the sentencing options provided in section 16 of the Juvenile Offender's Act. I adopt section 16(a) and (b) of the Act and I discharge the defendant on the condition that he enters into a bond to be of good behaviour for a period of 1 year in his own recognisance.
7. Right to appeal within 14 days.

