

**IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS
AT HONIARA**

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Criminal Case No: **316 of 2023**

REX-V-JOHN WABO

Coram: HOLLISON F (PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE)

Appearances:

Mr Iete Tebakota, PPD, for the Crown

The defendant is self-represented

Date of Ruling: 28 April 2023

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SENTENCE

1. The defendant Mr John Wabo pleaded guilty to one count of consumption of liquor in public places contrary to section 65 of the *Liquor Act* [Cap 144].¹ I now convict him.
2. After having considered the agreed facts, the aggravating features, the mitigating factors and the relevant sentencing principles, I am satisfied that a penalty fine is appropriate.
3. The defendant is sentenced and ordered to pay a penalty fine of SBD 500 which is due at 5pm this evening. If he does not pay, he shall be imprisoned for 20 days. I hope this sentence serves as a deterrence to the general public, and to ensure respect is accorded to our public buildings and institutions which are not licensed premises for drinking liquor.
4. Right of Appeal within 14 days.
5. The Court so orders.


PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE FELIX HOLLISON
THE COURT

¹ *Liquor Act* [Cap 144], s 65 (as amended) by the *Penalties Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2009*