

**BETWEEN** **Bob Robert**  
**Appellant**

**AND** **Public Prosecutor**  
**Respondent**

**CORAM:** *Chief Justice Lunabek*  
*Justice J W Hansen*  
*Justice O Saksak*  
*Justice D Aru*  
*Justice V Trief*

**COUNSEL:** *K Karu — Counsel for Appellant*  
*P Toaliu — Counsel for Public Prosecutor*

**DATE OF HEARING:** *6 November 2019*

**DATE OF DECISION:** *15 November 2019*

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**MEMORANDUM**

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[1] The appellant appealed against three life sentences imposed on him by Justice G A Andrée Wiltens on 16 April 2009. The life sentences were imposed for two charges of aggravated sexual assault on a child under 15 years and for a pre-meditated intentional homicide.

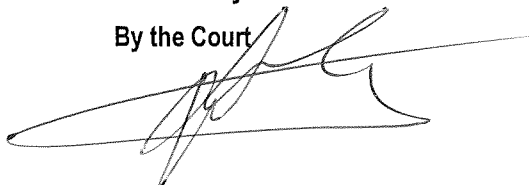
[2] At the commencement of the hearing, the Court discussed with Ms Karu the parole provisions relating to a life sentence and finite sentences. For a life sentence, parole can be applied for after eight years, but for a finite sentence it is after half the term has been served.

[3] As a result, Ms Karu sought time to take further instructions from her client. When the Court reconvened she advised on the basis of those instructions the appellant withdrew his appeal against sentence.

[4] Accordingly, we record the appeal was withdrawn.

Dated at Port Vila this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019

By the Court



**Vincent Lunabek**  
**Chief Justice**

