

BETWEEN : PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

A N D : TASALE MALOSU

- Defendant

Coram : Chief Justice

Prosecution : J. Baxter-Wright

Defence : Silas Hakwa

**SENTENCE**

This is a serious offence of dishonesty the more so because it is committed by a trusted member of staff of very high rank in the bank.

It is also an offence of dishonesty spanning a period of 2 years, a period throughout which this defendant has persistently, covertly and skillfully been milking the Account of 2 elderly customers.

I bear in mind that as a result he has now lost everything, and is hardly likely to obtain employment at a level that befits his training and skill ever again.

I take into account his immediate confession to the police and his plea of guilty, which in my view considerably mitigates this very serious offence and are the only redeeming factors to this sad story.

This sort of offence, where there has been a prolonged breach of trust, must in my view carry an immediate term of imprisonment, particularly so when the offence is committed by a senior bank official not only as a punishment to him but as a deterrent to others.

The least sentence I feel able to impose here, taking everything that has been said into account and the fact that he has pleaded guilty is a sentence of 2 years imprisonment on each of the 29 counts concurrent.

Dated this 21st day of April 1993.

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CHARLES VAUDIN d'IMECOURT  
Chief Justice