

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Criminal
Case No. 24/3841 SC/CRML

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

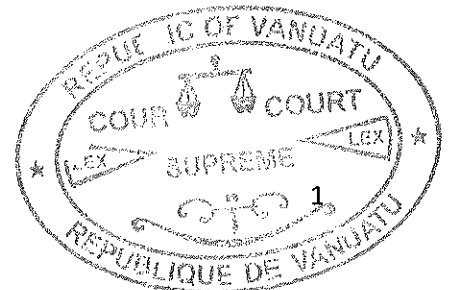
V

IAN MATIS

Date: 24 February 2025
Before: Justice V.M. Trief
Counsel: Public Prosecutor – Ms J. Tete
Defendant – Ms A. Yeeon

SENTENCE

1. The Defendant Ian Matis pleaded guilty and accepted the summary of facts relating to one charge of possession of 4.144 grams of cannabis contrary to subs. 2(62) of the *Dangerous Drugs Act* [CAP. 12]. He is convicted on his plea and the admitted facts.
2. On 14 October 2024, the Police were called to attend on Mr Matis who was behaving riotiously at the Laplas area in Luganville. He was drunk. The Police found in Mr Matis' right trouser pocket 13 rolls of aluminium foil wrap. Testing of the contents of the 13 rolls confirmed it to be cannabis weighing 4.144 grams.
3. Mr Matis is 19 years old. He is a Year 7 leaver. He is employed in a joinery in Luganville. He has no previous convictions. He pleaded guilty at the very earliest opportunity.
4. Mr Matis has served time in custody from 16 October 2024 to 27 November 2024, an effective imprisonment sentence of 2 months and 22 days.



End Sentence

5. Taking all of those matters into account, the end sentence imposed is 12 months supervision with a special condition that Mr Matis attends a drug awareness and rehabilitation program, and 70 hours of community work to be completed within 12 months.
6. Mr Matis has 14 days to appeal this sentence.
7. The drugs are to be destroyed.

**DATED at Luganville this 24th day of February 2025
BY THE COURT**

VM Trief

Justice Viran Molisa Trief

