IN THE COURT OF APPEAL [On Appeal from the High Court]

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Criminal Appeal No. AAU0057 of 2014 [High Court Case No. HAC 59/13Labasa]

BETWEEN

JOSESE MANAQEWA; and

RATU FINAU BULIVOLIVOLI

Appellants

AND

THE STATE

Respondent

Counsel

Ms N. Nawasaitoga for Appellants

Mr. L. Burney for Respondent

Criminal Appeal No. AAU0060 of 2014 [Magistrates Court Case No. 1236/11]

BETWEEN

JOSUA TUINASAKEA

Appellant

AND

THE STATE

Respondent

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Basnayake JA

Goundar JA

Counsel

Mr. M. Yunus for Appellant

Mr. V. Perera for Respondent

Date of Hearing

19 September 2014

Date of Ruling

19 September 2014

JUDGMENT

[1] These three appellants seek leave to abandon their respective appeals. They are represented by counsel who have filed Notice of Abandonment of Appeal on their behalf. The Notices are signed by the appellants.

- [2] We conducted a full inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the appellants' decisions to abandon their appeals. We have been told that the appellants made the decisions to abandon their appeals after seeking legal advice.
- [3] After hearing the appellants and their counsel, we are satisfied that the appellants have made their decisions to abandon their appeals freely, competently and without mistake.
- We grant them leave and dismiss their appeals.



Hon. Justice E. Basnayake JUSTICE OF APPEAL

Hon. Justice D. Goundar JUSTICE OF APPEAL

At Suva 19 September 2014

Solicitors:

Office of the Legal Aid Commission for Appellants Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for State