

IN THE HIGH COURT OF FIJI
AT SUVA
CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL CASE NO.: HAC 079 of 2011

BETWEEN: **THE STATE** **COMPLAINANT**

A N D: **VUNIYANI SOVAU** **ACCUSED**

Counsel : Ms. M. Fong with Ms. D. Kumar for the State
 : Ms. V Tamanisau with Ms. P. Chand for the Accused

Date of Hearing : 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th February 2014

Date of Summing Up: 21st February 2014

Date of Judgment : 24th February 2014

JUDGMENT

1. Vuniyani Sovau you have been charged with the following offence:

RAPE: contrary to section 207 (1) (2) (a) of the Crimes
Decree No. 44 of 2009.

Particulars of the Offence

VUNIYANI SOVAU on the 5th day of March, 2011, at
Nasinu in the Central Division, had carnal knowledge of
VANI VEIUSAYAKI without her consent.

2. The assessors had to deliberate whether you committed the offence of Rape
on 5th of March 2011 as charged. This court had the privilege of listening to

both you and the complainant. In the unanimous opinion of three assessors you have been found `GUILTY of the offence. In directing myself on my own summing up, I concur with the Assessors and also find you GUILTY.

3. That is the judgment of the Court.

Janaka Bandara
Judge

At Suva

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Office of the Legal Aid Commission for Accused