

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC

(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION)

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Bodilly  
exercising jurisdiction under the  
provisions of the Western Pacific  
(Courts) Order in Council, 1961.

HOLDEN: At Auki in the British Solomon  
Islands Protectorate on Tuesday  
the 13th day of December  
1966 at 0900 o'clock in the  
fore noon.

REGINA

versus

ADILA TARAFOLO

For the Crown: ASP Morgan

For the Accused: In peson

Interpreter: Dominic Surioa ( sworn- Fataleka language)

Charge amended with leave to read \$5.72.

Charge explained to the accused: By court.

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty

Prosecutor states facts:

On 22.8.66 the accused went to Faasiali village during the morning. He went to the Complainants house and went into the house and opened a locked bedroom door. The house was empty. The door was locked with a padlock. The accused unscrewed the hasp. He took from the room a box containing personal clothing and 10 fatyons calico and \$5.70. He also took an axe. He took the box to the seashore where he broke open the box with the axe. He took the money and threw the rest into the sea. The same day he was interviewed and admitted the offence. He was suspect because he was unknown in the area. The Headman interviewed him. The accused then dived for the box and the axe which he retrieved. ~~It~~ The case was reported to the police on the 16th September. The accused admitted the charge under caution on the same day. The accused has repaid \$8 and has agreed to pay \$2 more. ~~Thisxxxxxxx~~ This is the value which the Complainant claims as the damage done.

( Acc: admits facts as states as correct)

Acc: was born in 1937 ( 29 years old). He is single. Mother living. No education. Between 1959 and 64 has worked on various plantations at varying pay between £6 and £8 per month. He has no p.cs.

Mitigation.

Accused states: I have nothing to say.

I do not wish to call any Ws to character.

Sentence: Three months imprisonment.

*Johny B. Billy*  
C.V. 13.12.66.

Accused asks a question:

Who is the boss of the cinema in Honiara?

Court says it doesn't know.

( Pros: explains accused has seen a crime film in which the above occurred and thought he would do the same.')

Reason for sentence. Accused is first offender. When detected he immediately admitted the offence and did his best to recover the articles stolen and has paid compensation. However house breaking cannot be condoned altogether. It is very prevalent. A short sentence of imprisonment is appropriate.

*J.B.*  
13.12.66.