

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC

(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION)

BEFORE: His Lordship 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 30th  
day of August, 1966 at 0930  
o'clock in the fore noon.

REGINA

versus

JAMES MAEDELE

For the Crown: A S P Morgan

For the Accused: In person. Unrepresented .

Interpreter: Nelson Kifo ( Tobeita Language)

Charge explained to the accused: By Judge

Accused when called upon to plead says:

FIRST COUNT: Guilty

SECOND COUNT: Guilty

THIRD COUNT: Guilty

FOURTH COUNT: Guilty

FIFTH COUNT: Guilty

Court enters a plea of:

FIRST COUNT: Guilty

SECOND COUNT: Guilty

THIRD COUNT: Guilty

FOURTH COUNT: Guilty

FIFTH COUNT: Guilty

Pros: states facts:

A man named Wanefalu owned <sup>Bank</sup> pass book No 3263. During March 1966 the Accused was given accomodation by Wanefalu <sup>with him</sup> in Govet quarters. On 25.3.66 the accused stole that pass book from Wanefalu and forged a bank withdrawal slip for the sum of \$1 and signed the name Wanefalu to the form. On the same date he went to the Bank agent in Auki and uttered the form. The agent was named Roger Adefaka. He received \$1. On 30.3.66 the Accused forged another form and signed it by the name of Wanefalu. This form was also for the sum of \$1. On the same date the accused uttered the form to the ~~the~~ bank agent ~~is~~ named Ludivic. The signaure was checked by the bank officials but it was not found in the register. Mr Hasandiau refused to pay the accused on this occasion until some person was prepared to vouch for him. A Mr Bobby Kwanorara who was employed by the District Admin: Auki identified the accused as being Wanefala and signed to this effect on the reverse of the form. The accused was then paid \$1. However Cpl Ausuta of the Police who was standing nearby while <sup>this</sup> transaction took place informed the bank official that he did not think that this accused possessed a pass book nor did he think that the name of the slip was that of the Accused. Cpl took the Accused to the police station under arrest and there the accused admitted the offences under caution.

( Accused admits facts)

The accused is only 17 years old. He has been brought up by an uncle named Limaikana. He attended the SSEM church school and had reached standard V. In 1965 he was employed in Honiara for two months by Gubbay & Co on \$17 p<sup>1</sup>m. He was remanded from 30.3.66 to 4.4.66 in custody. He has one previous conviction. On 28.3.66 he was convicted of larcency of 10/- and fined \$4 or 2 weeks. It appears that these offences were committed with a view to raising the money to pay the fine.

( Accused admits p.c. and states particulars correct)

Mitigation:

Acc: states : I have nothing to say.

I have no witnesses to character.

Sentence: Bind over to be of good behaviour for 12 months.  
to be of good behaviour. ( Section 36/Penal Code)

*John Bodilly*  
30.8.1966.  
Note: Accused 17. P.c. linked with these offences. Will bind over this time.