

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 *30th*
day of *August*, 1966 at *0930*
o'clock in the *fore* noon.

REGINA

versus

FILITA IROFIRAMO

For the Crown: A.S.P. Morgan Gizo Police

For the Accused: In Person

Interpreter:

Charge explained to the accused: Nelson Filo
J.A. (Tobata language)

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty

Pros: states facts:

On or about 12th June 66 at about noon the accused entered the store owned by Lazaro Rafea. He entered by means of a hole in the leaf roofing. The shop doors were locked up at that time. He opened a box which contained the takings and stole \$16. The box was a wooden box with a hasp and staple and padlock but it was not at that time locked. Enquiries ~~xxxx~~ were started and it was found that the accused had been purchasing a lot of articles

He was arrested and interviewed. Under caution he admitted the offence and he said that his reason for the offence was that he had worked for Lazaro, the shop owner, for some months at 5/- a day and that he had not been paid. He said that he had not been paid at all.

(Accused states facts correct)

The accused is said to be 13. His father is in court. He is single. He has been to a Catholic School and reached standard 2. He was arrested on 2.7.66 and remanded on bail. Accused has no p.as.

Court calls accused father:

Irofila,
of Fote Village. Malaita. Sworn on Bible.

The accused is my son. He is 13 years old. I have a house and gardens. My son helps me in the garden when he is not working. He worked for Lazaro for six months. ~~I did not know~~ Lazaro had promised to pay accused 5/- per day but as far as I know he never paid. I did not take the matter up with Lazaro. I just did not wish to interfere.

If accused is placed on Bond I can take him home and take care of him. I think I can control him. He is not a bad boy.

Judge Bodily

Mitigation:

Accused states: I have nothing to say.
I have no witnesses to character.

J.B.

Sentence: Bind over to be of good behaviour for 12 months. [S: 36 / Penal Code]

Order: Articles recovered from Accused being purchased with the stolen money to be delivered to Mr. Lazaro.

Judge Bodily
30.8.66.

Note on sentence: The accused appears to be well over the age of thirteen years but nevertheless he is very young and binding over is the only appropriate result.

J.B.