

UNLAWFUL WOUNDING

R v BEIA MAUNGATABU - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 17 of 1966 - Barwick J, at Bairiki - 26th September 1966 - Plea Guilty - victim slapped accused on the head a number of times and the accused picked up a tomahawk and gave the victim some serious cuts on the shoulders and chest - Accused was a boy of 14 years - No previous convictions - unemployed and living with his parents - Sentence Bound over in the sum of \$25 with one surety in the same sum for 2 years and to be of good behaviour.

R v BIAMAN MULLER - Unlawful wounding. H.C. Case No 7 of 1966 - Barwick J, at Bairiki - 19th September 1966 - Plea: Guilty - young man of 23 took a young girl of 8 years of age to a bunker at Takoronga and there beat her up severely and left her unconscious until she was found many hours later. - the child had 3 large bruises, two swellings, one cut - a black eye and two big wounds on the ear - Accused had 14 previous convictions mainly for drinking offences - Accused was drinking on the day of the offence - Accused aged 23, single, unemployed, lived with his mother aged 50 - Sentence 2 years 6 months to run from date of sentence (he was in prison for 5 months awaiting trial).

R v BURAINA MOMOIA - 2 counts Unlawful wounding. Plea: Guilty. H.C. No 14 of 1966 - Barwick J, at Bairiki - 29th September 1966 - fight between accused and one victim - other tried to separate - both badly stabbed in stomach and side - No previous convictions - accused aged 62 married - family grown up - health not good - 18 months' imprisonment on each count concurrent.

R v KAOMA TEBUTOA - Unlawful wounding - Plea: Guilty. H.C. No 16 of 1966 - Barwick J, at Bairiki - 22nd September 1966 - accused called out the victim and stabbed him a few times with a bayonet - one wound was very dangerous - accused said that victim was a violent man who had touched his wife's breast - No previous convictions - aged 30 - married - four very young children - a more serious charge could have been laid - 3 years' imprisonment from date of arrest.

R v KATANGITANG TEBUTO - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 23 of 1966 - Barwick J, at Bairiki - 7th December 1966 - Plea: Guilty. unprovoked attack on another man with a spear at Tab-North - serious wounds but no lasting effect - No previous

convictions - aged 52 years - married, two children - no occupation - Sentence 21 months' imprisonment from date of arrest i.e. 30th August 1966.

R v KOTOA TIONE - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 5 of 1967 - Bodilly CJ - Bairiki on 8th April 1967 - Plea: Guilty - Accused stabbed Tearoba at Utiroa Tabiteuea because he cut down his trees and police took no action. Age 35; married; two children, subsistence farmer - in custody since offence on 4th November 1966 to 3rd January 1967 when released on bail - Sentence 12 months from date of conviction as victim not seriously injured.

R v NEI TAAKE KABAE - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 11 of 1966 - Barwick J. at Bairiki - 22nd September, 14th and 15th October 1966 - Plea: Not Guilty - two women got into a fight at Nikunau on 9th May 1966 - the accused stabbed the other woman with a knife on her left forearm - the accused started the fight and was armed - accused was 45 years of age - widow - two daughters aged 14 and 18 staying with her - No previous convictions - Sentence 15 months' imprisonment to run from 9th May 1966 the date she was first taken into custody.

R v TABERE DURANGKE - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 13 of 1966, Barwick J. at Bairiki - 1st October, 3rd October, 4th October and 5th October 1966 - plea: Not Guilty - unprovoked attack with a knife at Abemama on an unarmed person who put up his arm to avoid the blow and was slashed on the wrist and stabbed in the left chest - accused was drunk at the time - Accused was 25 years of age - had one previous conviction for malicious damage in 1962 and served 6 months in prison - married with 3 children aged between 3 years and 7 months - Sentence 20 months' imprisonment to run from 2nd May 1966 when he was first taken into custody.

R v TEBITA TOANTAU - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 9 of 1967 - Bodilly CJ at Bairiki - 26th and 27th June 1967 - Plea: Not Guilty - accused by implication was stated to be a liar in the maneaba at Tanaeang Village on Tabnorth and he stabbed the person who spoke (Timan) wounding him deeply in the upper left arm and giving him a 3 inch long shallow wound behind the left ear - provocation relied upon - accused 47 years old, married with 7 children, Island Policeman, no previous convictions - good character - Sentence 12 months to run from 20th February 1967 date of arrest.

Rv TEKATEA BAURO - Unlawful wounding - H.C. Case No 6 of 1966 - Barwick J. at Bairiki - 12th May 1966 - Plea: Guilty - accused bumped into victim Temake Kautu on 31st March 1966 and later accused challenged him outside the Dance Hall at Betio - during the fight the accused who was slightly drunk drew a knife and stabbed Temake three times - Temake was hospitalized for a day - Accused 30 years of age - married; no children - employed as an electrician by Government - No previous convictions - Sentence 9 months from date of conviction.

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