



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NAURU
AT YAREN
[CRIMINAL JURISDICTION]**

Criminal Case No. 16 of 2025

BETWEEN: THE REPUBLIC

PROSECUTION/RESPONDENT

AND:

MESHACH AKUBOR

ACCUSED/APPLICANT

BEFORE: Keteca J

Date of Submissions: 27th March 2026

Date of Ruling: 27th March 2026

Catchwords: Section 4B (5), Bail Act 2018 (the Act)- trial listed after 3 months from the date Information was filed

Appearances:

Counsel for the Prosecution: A. Driu

Counsel for the Accused: S. Hazelman

RULING

BACKGROUND

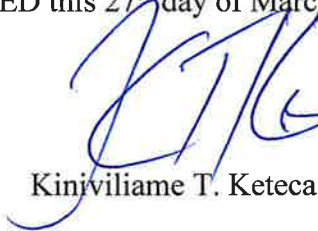
1. The accused (Applicant) is charged with the following offences:
 - i. Count 1- 'Obstructing a Public Official' contrary to Section 242 (a) and (b) of the Crimes Act 2016 (**the Act**);
 - ii. Count 2- Causing Harm to a Police Officer' contrary to Section 77 (a)(b)(c)(d) and (ii) of the Act;

- iii. Count 3- 'Risking Harm with Intent to Commit Offence' contrary to Section 84 (1) (a) (b) (i) (c) (d) of the Act; and
 - iv. Count 4- 'Risking Harm with intent to Avoid Apprehension' contrary to Section 84 (1) (a) (b) (ii) (c) (d) of the Act.
2. The Applicant files his bail application under Section 4B (5) of the Act.
 3. The State does not object to bail being granted to the accused.

ORDERS

4. The accused is granted bail on his own recognisance of \$500 and like sums for his sureties, Elita Itaia (a.k.a Angelite Itaia) and Nigel Itaia, both of Aiwo District;
5. That the Accused is to reside at his usual home address;
6. That the Accused is to report to the Nauru Police Station every Friday between 6am and 6pm;
7. That the Accused is not to interfere with Prosecution witnesses;
8. That the Accused is to surrender his passport to the Court Registry and is not to obtain any other travel documents;
9. That the Accused is not to commit any other offence whilst on bail and is to appear in Court whenever required and notified to his counsel;
10. The matter is set for Trial from 24th August, 2026 to 28th August, 2026;
11. The matter will be called for Bail review on 1st May, 2026 at 10am before the Registrar.

DATED this 27th day of March 2026.


Kinjviliame T. Keteca
Judge

