

**IN THE CENTRAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS  
AT HONIARA**

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

**Criminal Case No: 318 of 2023**

**REX-V-DAVID KOTIU & JUNIOR YANNY**

Coram: HOLLISON F (PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE)

Appearances:

Mr Iete Tebakota, PPD, for the Crown

The defendants are self-represented

Date of Ruling: 28 April 2023

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**SENTENCE**

1. The defendants Mr David Kotiu and Mr Junior Yanny pleaded guilty to one count of consumption of liquor in public places contrary to section 65 of the *Liquor Act* [Cap 144].<sup>1</sup> I now convict each of them.
2. After having considered the agreed facts, the aggravating features, the mitigating factors and the relevant sentencing principles, I am satisfied that a penalty fine is appropriate.
3. The defendants are sentenced and ordered to pay a penalty fine of SBD 500 respectively which is due at 5pm this evening. Failing to pay their respective fines will result in an imprisonment of 20 days for both of them. The defendants must learn to respect the Central Market which is a public place, the vendors and the general public.
4. Right of Appeal within 14 days.
5. The Court so orders.

  
PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE FELIX HOLLISON  
THE COURT

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<sup>1</sup> *Liquor Act* [Cap 144], s 65 (as amended) by the *Penalties Miscellaneous Amendment Act 2009*