

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

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Criminal Case No: **319 of 2023**

REX-V-SAM SAMUEL

Coram: HOLLISON F (PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE)

Appearances:

Mr Iete Tebakota, PPD, for the Crown

The defendant is self-represented

Date of Ruling: 28 April 2023

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SENTENCE

1. The defendant Mr Samuel Sam pleaded guilty to one count of consumption of liquor in public places contrary to section 65 of the *Liquor Act* [Cap 144].¹ I now convict him.
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 defendant is sentenced and ordered to pay a penalty fine of SBD 500 which is due at 5pm this evening. If he does not pay, he shall be imprisoned for 20 days. The defendant must 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.

The seal of the Central Magistrates Court of Solomon Islands is circular, featuring a central emblem with a crown and two birds. The text 'CENTRAL MAGISTRATES COURT' is written around the top inner edge, and 'COMMON SEALS' is at the bottom. A signature in blue ink is written across the seal.
PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE FELIX HOLLISON
THE COURT

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