IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TONGA CRIMINAL JURISDICTION NUKU'ALOFA REGISTRY

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BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE CATO

SUMMARY OF SENTENCE DELIVERED ORALLY

Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs cannabis contrary to section 4 (a) Illicit Drugs Control Act unlawful use of illicit drugs contrary to section 4 (a) of the Illicit Drugs Control Act 2003

11 plants - own use

Admitted to drug addiction problem – support of wife – bush worker – 10 years Tonga navy officer – acquired drug problem working undercover in Army – no previous convictions of relevance

SENTENCE:

- 1. Cultivation 100 hours community work under probation office direction;
- 2. Unlawful use Probation 12 months bond of good behaviour;

Condition – under probation to attend an alcohol and drug addiction course with Salvation Army

Condition - make immediate contact with probation

DATED: 28 SEPTEMBER 2012