

IN THE MALEKULA ISLAND COURT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
(Civil Jurisdiction)

Debt Case No. 1 of 2014

BETWEEN: WALTER JONAH
Claimant

AND: SECONDRÉ TAMAI
Defendant

Coram: Jus Douglas Vandal
Jus Endie Shem
Jus Lorna Bong

Clerk: Collyne Tete Maki

Date of Hearing: 27 May 2014

Venue: Lakatoro court House

Both parties were present before the court

JUDGMENT

After the presentation of the case and the claimant statement has been read out by the clerk according to the claimant statement claims that the defendant has been going around within their community and spreading around that the claimant made his father very ill.

The court proceeds on to hear the response from the defendant. The defendant did not file in any response but admits the claim in which he also stated that it was his father Jack who mentioned that the claimant appeared before him as he was shaking and lying on the ground. Jack further stated that it was the claimant who causes him to be ill.

HAVING HEARD, the brief information presented by both parties the court findings were as follows:

1. The defendant as a Chief within your community admitted the claim
2. As a Chief within your community you failed to send another Chief to sort out the issue



3. As a Chief you did not approach the claimant to sort out the issue but send your son to spread the news around
4. The defendant since he stated that he saw the claimant while lying on the ground should have settle the issue within the level of the village court but fail to do so
5. The defendant mentioned the claimant killed him but there was no witnesses to prove that the claimant did kill him

THE COURT HEREBY MAKES the following Orders;

1. The defendant Jack to apologies to the claimant Walter Jonah by giving him a pig and an amount of VT 11000 which VT1000 equals to court fee and VT10000 is to be made as causing damage to the claimants within their community
2. The mentioned fines referring to order 1 must be made by 27 June 2014 to the claimant in which the money must be paid to the island court office.
3. Both parties have the right to appeal if not happy with the Island court decision to the Magistrate courts within 30 days upon receiving the Judgment

DATED THE 27 DAY OF MAY 2014

By the court:

Douglas V
Justice Douglas Vandal

Endy Shem
Justice Endie Shem

Lorna Bong
Justice Lorna Bong

