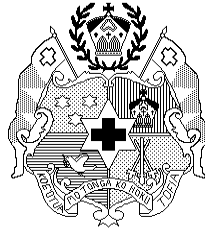


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MEDIA RELEASE

COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF FORMER PUBLIC SERVANT AT THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, TOURISM AND LABOUR

28 April 2015

- 1 The Attorney General's Office wishes to announce the completion in the Supreme Court on Tuesday 21 April 2015 of the criminal prosecution of Mrs Seluvaia Motuliki (the Accused), a former public servant employed at the Ministry of Commerce, Tourism and Labour (the Ministry), who was charged with one count of fraudulent conversion by a government servant, and one count of falsification of accounts.
- 2 The criminal prosecution was discovered in an audit of the Ministry, where the Accused was found to have fraudulently converted a total of \$31,159.20.
- 3 The Accused pleaded guilty to the charges on 5 February 2015.
- 4 On 16 April 2015, the Accused informed the Supreme Court, through her legal counsel, Mr Tomasi Fakahua, that she had repaid \$10,000.00 to the Ministry.
- 5 The Accused was then sentenced by the Supreme Court to serve 2½ years imprisonment, with 15 months (1 year and 3 months) suspended on the condition that she commit no further crime for two years. The Accused is therefore required to serve an actual imprisonment sentence of 1 year and 3 months.

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