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

CR 266 of 2020

REX
-v-
'ASAELI TEULILO

SENTENCE

BEFORE: LORD CHIEF JUSTICE WHITTEN QC
Appearances: Mrs Aonima for the Prosecution
Ms Kafoa for the Accused
Date of trial: 1, 2 March 2021
Date of sentence: 2 March 2021

WHEREAS:

- A. The accused was charged with:
- (i) possession of 1.3 grams of cocaine contrary to s.4(a)(iii) of the *Illicit Drugs Control Act* ("Act"); and
 - (ii) possession of 0.1 grams of cannabis contrary to s.4(a)(i) of the said Act.
- B. At the commencement of his trial proper, the accused elected to change his plea to guilty on each count.
- C. After hearing from counsel for the Prosecution, the accused and his counsel, the following sentence was imposed:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The defendant is convicted of two counts of possession of illicit drugs and sentenced to:
 - (a) 14 months imprisonment on count 1; and

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- (b) one month imprisonment on count 2, to be served concurrently with the sentence on count 1.
2. The final six months of the said sentence is to be suspended for a period of 12 months on conditions that during that suspension period, the defendant is to:
- (a) not commit any offence punishable by imprisonment;
 - (b) be placed on probation;
 - (c) report to the probation office within 48 hours of his release from prison;
 - (d) reside where directed by his probation officer;
 - (e) complete a drugs awareness course as directed by his probation officer;
and
 - (f) receive drugs counselling within prison and rehabilitation support as provided by the Free Wesleyan Church Crisis and Lifeline Centre.

NUKU'ALOFA
2 March 2021



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. H. Whitten".

M. H. Whitten QC
LORD CHIEF JUSTICE