

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC

(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION)

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Bodilly
exercising jurisdiction under the
provisions of the Western Pacific
(Courts) Order in Council 1961.

HOLDEN: At Honiara in the British Solomon
Islands Protectorate on Wednesday
the fifth day of October ,
1966 at 0930 o' clock in the
fore noon.

REGINA

versus

CLEMENT DIAU

For the Crown: *Dst. G. Hurdough.*

For the Accused: *In person unrepresented*

Interpreter: *Wilson Taloga (Kau language)*

Charge explained to the accused: by ~~Amegw~~ Registrar.

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty

Mr Hindhaugh: States facts.

Lawson Ltd deals in gold. On 30 August⁶⁶ Lawson bought the gold for 22 dollars odd and placed it in a bottle with a screw top. It was not put immediately in the safe as it was to be shown to some geologists. It was overlooked and was not discovered missing till 6.9.66. The matter was reported to the Police. On the 7.9.66 the accused took a sample of gold to the geology department and said he had bought it on the market. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The Senior geologist confirmed to the accused that it was gold and then accused went back to Lawson and offered it to him for sale. He said he was selling it for a friend. Lawson took the gold and sent for the Police. The accused under caution admitted the offence.

(Accused states facts correct).

Mr. Hindhaugh cont:

Accused is seventeen. He has no p.c.s and comes from Malaita. Four years schooling in an R.C. Mission school. He left at end of 1964. He came to Honiara. He worked with PWD for four months, then in the R.C. Mission for five months. He joined Lawson's firm in March 66 at a salary of \$20 per month as an office orderly.

His parents are alive and live in Malaita. He has been living with a cousin in Honiara. His parents are farmers and grow some copra for cashing.

Mitigation:

Accused: Nothing to say. No Ws:

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ORDER.
Sentence:

Bound over for twelve months to be of good behaviour and keep peace.

Joah B. B. B.
Chief Justice

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