

THE HIGH COURT OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC

(CRIMINAL JURISDICTION)

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

HOLDEN: At Gizo in the British Solomon Islands
Protectorate on Thursday the eleventh
day of August, 1966 at 0900
o'clock in the fore noon.

REGINA

VERSUS

ELSON MAEKERA

For the Crown: Sub-Inspector Gordon Beti, Gizo Police.

For the Accused: Elson Maekera accused in person.

Interpreter: Boaz seijama (Marovo languagw.)

Charge explained to the accused: by Judge

Accused when called upon to plead says: Guilty

Court enters a plea of: Guilty

Inspector Beti States facts:

Viva One is the father of the girl Dalisi. He and the girl lived in the same village as the Accused. The village was Vori. The accused worked with the SDA mission but spent his time in Vori on holidays. Dalisi was born on 18.1.48 and three years later she she became idiot. Accused knew this well. She was a complete and obvious idiot.

On 25.12.1965 the Accused had sexual intercourse with Dalisi. Dalisi became pregnant. When the mother of Dalisi discovered she was pregnant she reported to the police. Before the report Accused admitted the intercourse to a witness.

Police interviewed Accused and he admitted the offence.

(Accused states facts as related correct.)

Prosecutor cont:

Accused has one p.c. on 21.4.1960 in J.Cs court Gizo for store breaking and larceny. 4 months prison.

The accused has no formal education. Attended village school. Subsistence cultivator. Age about 29.

Accused: I have nothing to say.
I call no witnesses to character.

Sentence: 18 months imprisonment with effect from this date.

Julian Bodilly
11.8.1966.

Reasons for sentence:

The accused has no excuse whatever and I consider 18 months imprisonment appropriate, indeed lenient.

Julian Bodilly

Accused is informed of his right of appeal against sentence.

J.B.