

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NAURU

Criminal Jurisdiction

Criminal Appeal No. 9 of 1978

SOPO TAGAFESTI

Appellant

v.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Respondent

16th May, 1978 at 3.20 p.m.

In Court

Before Mr. Justice I.R. Thompson, Chief Justice

For the Republic: MR. D.G. Lang, D.P.P.

For the Appellant: -

Appellant present.

Interpreter: Mr. Alec Harris, Clerk of Courts

COURT: Does Republic seek to uphold the sentence.

MR. LANG: No. it is too long.

JUDGMENT:

The offence, although quite a bad case of negligent driving, does not warrant a sentence of 6 months' imprisonment. The appeal is allowed, the sentence set aside and a sentence imposed which will result in the appellant's immediate release. He has been in prison apparently since 10th March, 1978.

I.R. THOMPSON
Chief Justice

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