



**SUPREME COURT OF NAURU**

**[CRIMINAL JURISDICTION]**

**Criminal Appeal No. 2 of 2018**

Between: **The Republic**

PLAINTIFF

And: **Matthew Batsiua & Ors**

RESPONDENT

**Before:** Chief Justice Filimone Jitoko

**APPEARANCES**

**For the Prosecution:** Mr R Talasasa Jr, Director Public Prosecutions  
**For the Accused:** V. Clodumar (Pleader)  
**Public Legal Defender:** S.Valenitabua

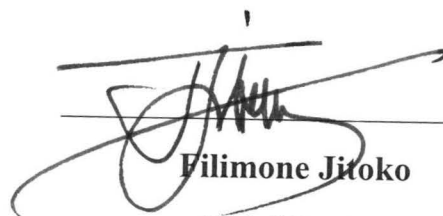
**ORDERS**

The Court, having heard Vinci Clodumar appearing for the 15 accused on instructions from the Instructing Solicitor, Hearn Legal, and Mr Ronald Talasasa the Director of Public Prosecutions, and as well Mr Sevuloni Valenitabua the Public Legal Defender, directs and orders as follows:

- (1) That all of those accused that are in need legal aid are hereby referred to the office of the Public Legal Defender

- (2) The Office of the Public Legal Defender is directed to assist the accused in the provision of counsel in accordance with the requirements of the law (Criminal Procedure Amendment Act 2018)
- (3) That the hearing or trial is set to begin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at 10.00am to 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.
- (4) All and any other matters, including interlocutories to be dealt with in the course of the trial proper.
- (5) Matter is adjourned for mention only on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2019

  
**Filimone Jitoko**  
**Chief Justice**

