BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE

Held at Honiara on the 22nd day of March,

19 66 , under the Magistrates' Courts Ordinance, 1961

(No. 11 of 1961)

Before J.L. BERGELIN

Charge read and understood.

Plea - Guilty.

Mr. G. Hindhaugh, A.S.P. Prosecutor.

Facts:

At 2.50 p.m. on 21st March, 1966 the accused was seen hanging around the market place in Honiara. He was questioned by a police officer and admitted that he was unemployed and had no fixed abode. He claimed that he had stayed with relatives and friends while in Honiara. He had \$2.35 in his possession which he said he had obtained from gambling.

The accused is known to the police, who habitually wanders in and out of Honiara Township, living with anybody who would put him up for a day or two.

The police officer was satisfied that the accused had insufficient lawful means of support. He therefore arrested the accused and brought him to the Police Station as a vagrant.

Statement by the Accused.

I have nothing to say.

Finding: I convict the accused, Donosiano, of the offence of being an idle and disorderly person, contrary to section 167(d) of the Penal Code.

The accused has had seven previous convictions, five of which are contraventions of the liquor Ordinance which Ordinance has now been repealed. They were minor offences and in each case the accused was fined. The other two convictions are as follows:-

On 17/10/1963 in the High Court, Honiara, sentenced to nine months imprisonment for larceny in a dwelling house. He also received a nine months sentence of imprisonment for indecent assault.

The accused admits the previous convictions.

The accused is about 30 years old, comes from Su'u, Marau Sound, Guadalcanal.

He is not ordinarily resident in Honiara, but stays here on casual visits.

Sentence: Order:

To be conveyed to his place or district where he is ordinarily resident and shall reside there for a period of three months from the date of arrival.

The court imposes a sentence of seven days imprisonment from today. To be released should transport be available to convey the accused to his district.

the JOHN BERGELING to the Officer in Charge

Magistrate

22nd March, 1966.