

3. He will be tried late next year, or early 2020. The court can hold him in custody 2 years prior to trial. If found guilty, this will be deducted from his final sentence. He is represented by experience counsel and he can visit him in custody to prepare his defence. He is not incapacitated and there appears to be no reason for him to be at liberty for other lawful reasons.
4. The allegations against the accused are very serious. He allegedly assaulted and raped the complainant behind a house. They are related. Prosecution also said, accused may interfere with witness. In my view, although the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt, he should be remanded in custody in the public interest and to protect society.
5. Because of the above reasons, bail is denied.
6. Remanded in custody until further orders of court.




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JUDGE

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Solicitor for Respondent : **Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Suva**