

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NAURU

CRIMINAL CASE NO.: 2/2008

THE REPUBLIC

V.

**JOHNNY ALIKLIK
&
DOZONO EOBOB**

Mr. Robert Kaierua for the Republic
Mr. Pres Nimes for the Accused

SENTENCE

Johnny Aliklik and Dozono Eobob: you have been found guilty of assault occasioning grievous bodily harm.

One evening you and a group of three or four of your friends went to the house of the two victims, Ronald and his son Tevita Deduna, forced your way in, attacked and fought with both men and inflicted serious injuries on each. You say – and this is supported by a letter from your mother, Johnny which Mr. Nimes handed to me during submissions – you say that Tevita and others had done injury to you before this and no action had been taken against them.

You both, Johny and Dozono, say you went to the Deduna's house to discuss things. Even if that was why you went it was inviting trouble and was certain to lead to violence. None of us has the right to take the law into our own hands. Yet this is what you did.

Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm is a very serious crime, and the more so as you had invaded the victims' house. The maximum penalty for assault occasioning grievous bodily harm is imprisonment for life.

In your favour is that no previous conviction are alleged against you and you may have been provoked by past actions of the victims. You have both been supporting your families. You, Johnny are aged 29, married with five children. You, Dozono are 23 and not married.

You are each sentenced to imprisonment for 18 months, the terms to run from last Saturday, 8th March 2008.

Robin Millhouse

THE HON. ROBIN MILLHOUSE QC.,

CHIEF JUSTICE

12th March 2008

REPUBLIC OF MALDIVU