

BETWEEN: Public Prosecutor  
Claimant

AND: Andrew Tom  
Defendant

**Date of Hearing:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023  
**Date of Judgement:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at 9:28 am  
**Venue:** Efate Island Court – Court-Room, Joint-Court Ontop, Port-Vila  
**Before:** Justice F. Thomas (Presiding Justice)  
Justice L. Sakita (Member)  
Justice R. Tining (Member)  
**Island Court Clerk:** Alida ALAIN  
**In Attendance:** Both Parties

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## SENTENCE

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HAVING Read and Heard Mr Thompson Titus for the State, and the Defendant Mr. Andrew Tom, the defendant pleads guilty to the charges of


- 1) **Careless Driving** - Contrary to Section 14 of the Road Traffic Control Act Cap 29.

THE Court sentences the Defendant as follows:


1. That the Defendant, Andrew Tom, must pay a fine of VT 10'000.
2. That the Defendant, must pay Prosecution costs of VT 1'000.
3. That the Defendant to pay the court fine and the Prosecution cost before or by 15/10/2023 directly to Vanuatu Government Cashier and must provide copy of the payment receipt to the office of the Efate Island Court for records purposes.
4. That the Defendant has 30 days to appeal this sentence if he is not satisfied with it.

DATED at Port Vila this 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

BY THE COURT

  
Justice R. Tining  
(Member)

  
Justice F. Thomas  
(Presiding Justice)

  
Justice L. Sakita  
(Member)