

**BETWEEN: Public Prosecutor**  
Represented by Beeman Sahe  
**Claimant**

**AND: Noel Pakoa**  
**Defendant**

**Date of Hearing:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 10:16 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 appeared in Person  
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## SENTENCE

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HAVING Read and Heard Mr. Beeman Sahe for the State, and the Defendant Mr. Noel Pakoa, the defendant pleads guilty to the charge of:

(1) **Intentional Assault** - Contrary to Section 107(b) of the Penal Code Act [Cap 135]

The Court considered the following mitigating factors:

- The defendant pleaded guilty at an early stage.
- The defendant has no previous criminal record.
- The defendant expressed remorse and cooperated with the police.


### SENTENCE:

Having considered all the facts, including the seriousness of the offence and the defendant's personal circumstances, the Court imposes the following sentence:


- 1) The Defendant, Noel Pakoa, is to pay a fine of VT 15,000.
- 2) The Defendant is further ordered to pay Prosecution costs of VT 2,000.
- 3) The total amount (VT 17,000) must be paid on or before 15 July 2025 directly to the Vanuatu Government Cashier, located at the Ex-F.O.L Building, and a copy of the official payment receipt must be provided to the office of the Efate Island Court for records purposes.
- 4) The Defendant has 30 days from the date of this order to appeal the sentence if not satisfied.

DATED at Port Vila this 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

BY THE COURT

  
Justice R. Tining  
Member

  
Justice F. Thomas  
Presiding Justice

  
Justice L. Sakita  
Member

