

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

**AND: Mike Bani**  
**Defendant**

*Date of Hearing: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 9:59 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. Mike Bani, the defendant pleads guilty to the charge of:

**(1) Malicious damage to property - Contrary to Section 133 of the Penal Code Act [Cap 135]**

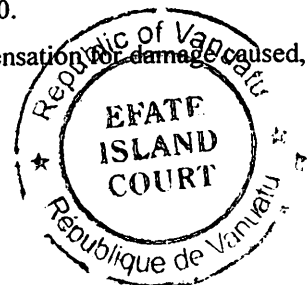
The Court considered the following mitigating factors:

- 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, Mike Bani, is to pay a fine of VT 5,000.
2. The Defendant is further ordered to pay Prosecution costs of VT 2,000.
3. The Defendant is also ordered to pay the sum of VT 15,000 as compensation for damage caused, to be paid directly to the Office of the Efate Island Court.




4. Upon payment of the compensation amount, the Island Court Clerk will contact the Prosecution team to collect the money and ensure it is delivered to the complainant.

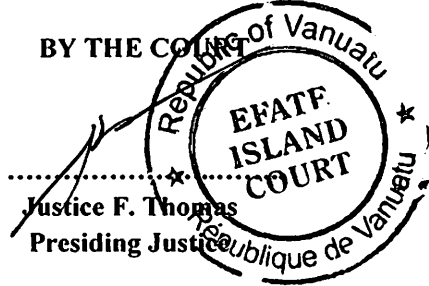
The total amount (VT 22,000) must be paid on or before 15 July 2025. The fine and prosecution costs must be paid to the Vanuatu Government Cashier at the Ex-F.O.L Building, and the compensation must be paid directly to the Office of the Efate Island Court. Copies of the official receipts must be provided to the Efate Island Court for records purposes.


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

  
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Justice R. Tining  
Member



  
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Justice L. Sakita  
Member