

BETWEEN: Public Prosecutor
Represented by Michael George
Claimant

AND: John Akas Kaltang
Defendant

Date of Hearing: Tuesday 28 October, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Venue: Efate Island Court – Court-Room, Joint-Court Ontop, Port-Vila
Before: Justice F. Thomas (Presiding Justice)
Justice J. Kalserei (Member)
Justice T. Shem Arlie (Member)
Island Court Clerk: Alida ALAIN
In Attendance: Public Prosecution represented by Michael George
In Absence: The Defendant – John Akas Kaltang
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COIURT MINUTE AND ORDERS

On Monday, 15 September 2025, the Public Prosecution filed charges in accordance with the Island Courts (Criminal Procedure) Rules 2005 – Rule 1 (Starting a criminal prosecution, subsections 1, 2, and 3).

The Court called the case, and only Mr. Michael George appeared on behalf of the State. There was no appearance by the Defendant, John Akas Kaltang.

The charges against the Defendant are as follows:

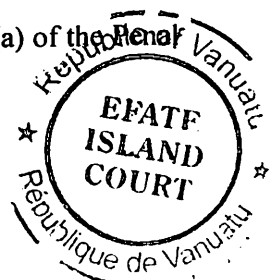
COUNT 1 – Careless Driving – Contrary to section 14 of the Road Traffic Control Act [Cap 29].

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: That JOHN AKAS KALTANG, on the 10th day of June 2024, was driving a green bus, registration number B12420, along the main road in Erakor. At that time, the defendant failed to take proper care while driving at speed along the main road, thereby causing a road traffic accident.

COUNT 2 – Unintentional Harm Causing Temporary Injury – Contrary to section 108(a) of the Penal Code [Cap 135].

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: That JOHN AKAS KALTANG, on the 10th day of June 2024, unintentionally caused injury to NUMAL LELE, resulting in temporary harm to his body as a result of the said accident caused by the defendant.

COUNT 3 – Unintentional Harm Causing Temporary Injury – Contrary to section 108(a) of the Penal Code [Cap 135].



PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: That JOHN AKAS KALTANG, on the 10th day of June 2024, unintentionally caused injury to CHARLEY TAMALO, resulting in temporary harm to his body as a result of the said accident caused by the defendant.

COUNT 4 – Unintentional Harm Causing Temporary Injury – Contrary to section 108(a) of the Penal Code [Cap 135].

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: That JOHN AKAS KALTANG, on the 10th day of June 2024, unintentionally caused injury to BERRY RAMUEL, resulting in temporary harm to his body as a result of the said accident caused by the defendant.

COUNT 5 – Unintentional Harm Causing Temporary Injury – Contrary to section 108(a) of the Penal Code [Cap 135].

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE: That JOHN AKAS KALTANG, on the 10th day of June 2024, unintentionally caused injury to ROSE TAMALO, resulting in temporary harm to her body as a result of the said accident caused by the defendant.

Withdrawal of Charges

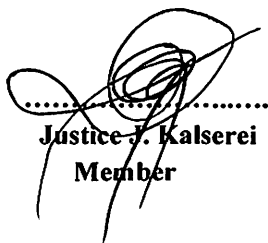
Mr. Michael George, on behalf of the State, made an application under *Section 129 of the Criminal Procedure Code [Cap 136] – Withdrawal of Charge*, which provides that: *“If a prosecutor, at any time before a final order is passed in any case under this Part, satisfies the court that there are sufficient grounds for permitting him to withdraw the charge, the court may permit him to withdraw the same.”*

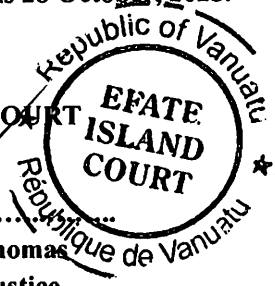
The Court heard the application for withdrawal made by the Prosecutor, and with the permission of the Court, the application was granted.

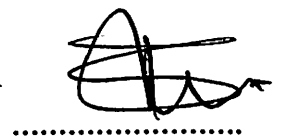
COURT ORDER

Case No. 25/2732 IC/CRML – Public Prosecutor vs. John Akas Kaltang is hereby withdrawn and discontinued under Section 129 of the Criminal Procedure Code [Cap 136].

DATED at Port Vila this 28 October, 2025.


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Justice J. Kalserei
Member

BY THE COURT

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Justice F. Thomas
Presiding Justice


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Justice T. Shem Arlie
Member