

BETWEEN: Public Prosecutor
Represented by Titus Thompson
Claimant

AND: Moses Yaput
Defendant

Date of Hearing: Tuesday 28 October, 2025 at 10:31 am
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: Both Parties appeared in Person
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SENTENCE

HAVING Read and Heard Mr. Titus Thompson for the State, and the Defendant Mr. Moses Yaput, 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, Moses Yaput, is to pay a fine of VT 11,000.
- 2) The Defendant is further ordered to pay Prosecution costs of VT 1,000.
- 3) The total amount (VT 12,000) must be paid on or before 14 November 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 28 October, 2025.

BY THE COURT

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Justice F. Thomas
Presiding Justice

Justice J. Kalserei
Member

Justice T. Shem Arlie
Member