Criminal Case No 16/3849 SC/ CRML

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU (Criminal Jurisdiction)

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PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

Vs

JENNY BANI

Coram: Justice Mary Sey

Counsel: Mr. Damien Boe for Public Prosecutor Ms. Kylie Bakeo for the Defendant Date of Decision: 24 February 2017

<u>RULING</u>

- 1. On 14 February 2017, this Court sentenced the defendant to an end sentence of 2 years' imprisonment for the offence of intentional assault causing permanent injury contrary to section 107 (c) of the <u>Penal Code</u> Cap 135.
- After pronouncing the sentence, I adjourned the case to consider whether or not I should suspend all or part of the defendant's sentence pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the <u>Penal Code (Amendment) Act</u> No.25 of 2006.
- 3. Mrs. Jenny Bani, having considered all the circumstances surrounding the case, I am satisfied that I am able to suspend your sentence of imprisonment for a period of 2 years. However, let this be a lesson to you and a reminder that such violent actions will not be tolerated by the Court.
- 4. You are hereby warned that you are not going to jail today but any re-offending in the next 2 years will immediately result in your having to serve this sentence of 2 years' imprisonment in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed for your re-offending. Whether that happens or not, is a matter entirely within your control, but, if you re-offend within the next 2 years then you can expect no further leniency from the Court.



DATED at Port Vila, this 24th day of February, 2017.

