## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

Criminal

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date:

By:

Counsel:

Case No. 21/1768 SC/CRML

	BETWEEN:	Public Prosecutor
	AND:	Johnson Siti
		Defendant
24 August 2021		
Justice G.A. Andrée Wiltens		
Mr G. Simeon for the Public Prosecutor		
Ms K. Karu for the Defendant	t	

## **SENTENCE**

- 1. Mr Siti is currently 20 years old. He is a gardener and a prospective musician. He has no previous convictions. He was arrested at 10pm on 11 April 2020 for being idle and disorderly. At the time he was seen punching the shutters at Au Bon Marche at Fresh Wota area, wanting to get some take-away food. He was also using abusive and threatening language. He was clearly under the influence of alcohol.
- 2. Mr Siti was searched at the time of his arrest. He was found to be in possession of 0.05 grams of cannabis.
- 3. In my view, given the immediate pleas of guilty and Mr Siti's remorse for this conduct, that neither matter warrants a criminal conviction. Further, as he has already served 15 days in custody I consider that to be a more than sufficient a sentence.
- 4. Accordingly, Mr Siti is given an absolute discharge in respect of both charges.
- 5. The drugs are to be destroyed.
- 6. Mr Siti has 14 days to appeal the sentence.

Dated at Port Vila, this 24th day of August 2021 BY THE COURT Andrée Wiltens