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### **Three defendants sentence for imprisonment during a court circuit in Temotu Province**

Three defendants were sentenced for imprisonment during a Court circuit conducted at Manuopo Police Post in Temotu Province from 6 to 17 September 2021.

During the hearing, 18 cases were presented before the Magistrate. The cases include domestic violence, intimidations, assault causing actual bodily harm, malicious damage and simple larceny.

Out of the 18 cases, three defendants were convicted and sentenced for imprisonment at the Lata Correctional Centre.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Temotu province Superintendent James Toaki says, "Two defendants for domestic violence cases, one sentenced for 8 months imprisonment and the other for 15 months imprisonment. The third defendant for simple larceny case and was sentenced for 12 months imprisonment."

PPC Toaki says, "Other cases resulted in defendants paying fines and being bound over. Other cases were withdrawn while others adjourned for a next court date."

PPC Toaki says, "I want to warn all my good people from Temotu Province not to take law into your own hands. The laws are there to safeguard individuals, communities and a country as a whole."

"I want to commend the general public at Manuopo for the respect shown during the court circuit. I would like to thank the touring magistrate, the court clerk and the office of the public solicitor for conducting the Court circuit at Manuopo to ensure justice is delivered to our citizens," says PPC Toaki.

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