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

Criminal  
Case No. 20/3604 SC/CRML

**BETWEEN:** Public Prosecutor

**AND:** John William (Hokau)  
Nahum  
Defendant

*Date of Trial:* 1 and 2 November 2021  
*By:* Justice G.A. Andrée Wiltens  
*Counsel:* Ms M. Tasso for the Public Prosecutor  
Ms K. Karu for the Defendant

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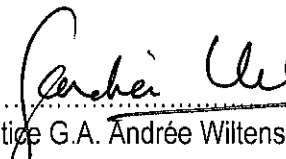
**Verdict**

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1. Mr Nahum faced 5 charges of sexual intercourse without consent, 5 charges of domestic violence and 1 charge of indecent act.
2. In her evidence, the complainant disclosed details relating to only some of those charges. Accordingly, there was no option but to find Mr Nahum not guilty of those matters not addressed.
3. In-chief, her evidence was that those offences she described had occurred without her consent. However, in cross-examination she capitulated entirely and agreed that in fact she had consented. The end result was that her evidence was so inconsistent that no reasonable Court could rely on her allegations to establish even a case to answer.
4. I therefore found Mr Nahum not guilty on all charges and dismissed all the charges against him.

**Dated at Port Vila this 4th day of November 2021**

**BY THE COURT**

  
Justice G.A. Andrée Wiltens

