

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

Criminal
Case No. 25/2469 SC/CRML

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

v

GEORGE BAKON

Date: 5 September 2025
Before: Justice V.M. Trief
Counsel: Public Prosecutor – Mrs B. Tamau
Defendant – Ms C. Dehinavanua

SENTENCE

1. Mr George Bakon, you pleaded guilty and accepted the summary of facts relating to one charge of possession of 1.03 grams of cannabis contrary to subs. 2(62) of the *Dangerous Drugs Act* [CAP. 12]. You are convicted on your own plea and the admitted facts.
2. The maximum sentence for possession of dangerous drugs is 20 years imprisonment or a fine of VT100 million, or both.
3. On 1 August 2025, you were to be in possession of this small amount of cannabis wrapped in foil, in your bag, when the Police searched you at Neramb school at South East Malekula. You admitted the matter immediately.
4. You are 24 years old. You have 2 young children aged 1 and 3 months old. You support your family as a gardener. You have no prior convictions. You pleaded guilty at the very earliest opportunity.

End Sentence

5. Taking all of those matters into account, the end sentence imposed is 80 hours of community work to be completed within 12 months.
6. You have 14 days to appeal the sentence. The drugs are to be destroyed.

DATED at Lakatoro, Malekula this 5th day of September, 2025

BY THE COURT


Justice Viran Molisa Trief

